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# **Vernon Parish**

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The passage of the Children First Act in 1988 ushered in a new generation of analysis and research about the overall quality and condition of education in Louisiana. As the national reform of education continues to evolve, Louisiana is steadfast in its commitment to quality education and school accountability.

Progress Profiles (School Report Cards, District Composite Reports, and the State Report) provide information about schools to parents and the general public, provide a basis for educational planning, and increase educational accountability at all levels. By providing policy makers, parents, and other interested citizens valuable information on the inputs, processes, and outcomes of public education, these documents also offer a valuable resource for advancing school improvement.

The Progress Profiles Program, which is administered by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources, was founded on the premise that educational improvement is most successful when parents, school staff, and policy makers have access to accurate information on a wide range of factors believed to influence student learning. The indicators included in the *Progress Profiles* were carefully selected because they:

- have been demonstrated through school effectiveness research to be related to student learning;
- represent key features of schooling that can be influenced by parents, school staff, and policy makers, and thus are useful for school improvement purposes; and
- yield the maximum amount of accurate and essential information possible without posing undue reporting burdens at either the school or district level.

To offer the most comprehensive overview possible and serve the specific needs of varied audiences, three levels of reporting are provided.

- 1. *School Report Cards* are tailored to the needs of parents and the general public. For 1997-98, *School Report Cards* were produced for **1,414 of 1,445** public elementary, middle/junior high, high, and combination schools statewide.
- 2. District Composite Reports are produced for all 66 Louisiana public school districts. The most detailed and comprehensive of the three levels of reporting, these reports offer local and state-level policy makers longitudinal data.
- 3. The *Louisiana Progress Profiles State Report* is best suited to the needs of the general reader because it provides a succinct overview of the major characteristics of Louisiana education based on *School Report Card* findings.

"Any effort to improve schools must be designed to meet the goal of creating an active, thinking curriculum in specific disciplines, and success should be judged by whether increasing numbers of students reach agreed-upon performance standards."

-Bill Honig

Phi Delta Kappan, June 1994

### Purpose of the District Composite Report

The purpose of the *District Composite Report* is to provide information relevant to the condition of education in Louisiana. This report provides detailed longitudinal information on various indicators as well as analysis of data where feasible. It serves as an effective tool to aid policy makers and district administrators in identifying opportunities for school improvement.

### **Organization of this Report**

The summary tables following this introduction offer district-level information for all indicators. In addition to quick-reference tables at the front of this report, district socioeconomic and demographic data are provided to aid readers. Financial information is included to give a more complete picture of Louisiana school districts.

The remainder of the report is organized into five parts, each encompassing a series of related educational indicators.

- Part 1. District Summary. School performance is influenced by community socioeconomic characteristics and by the level of local financial support for public education. Part 1 therefore presents parish (as opposed to district) demographic and socioeconomic indicators ranging from household income distribution and teen pregnancy rate to district revenue, expenditures, and average teacher salaries. District summary tables of all *Profile* indicators also are provided in Part 1.
- Part 2. School Characteristics. The context within which students are educated and the level of educational resources available to them impact learning. Part 2 focuses on key educational "inputs" and resources at the school level, i.e., the size of the student body and faculty, the school's category (e.g., elementary schools, middle schools, etc.), class sizes, and the academic preparation of faculty.
- Part 3. Student Participation. For students to receive an education, they must first have the opportunity to learn; thus, the extent to which students are present and actively engaged in schooling is of vital importance (Oakes, 1989). Part 3 presents

- three indicators that provide some measure of student participation: attendance, suspensions/expulsions, and dropouts.
- Part 4. Student Achievement. Part 4 reports three types of school-level outputs: student performance on 1) reading level evaluation results for grades 2 and 3, which assess students' ability to read and comprehend on grade level, 2) criterionreferenced tests (CRTs), which measure students' performance on state-prescribed curricula, and 3) norm-referenced tests (NRTs), which indicate how Louisiana students compare with other students nationally. The Reading Level Evaluation Results reported on the School Report Cards are based on the assessment conducted on second and third grade students by their teachers at each profile school. The CRT results reported on the School Report Cards are based on student performance on Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) tests administered at the third, fifth, and seventh grade levels and on the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE), which is administered in grades 10 and 11. The NRT results, which are also part of LEAP, reflect student performance utilizing two tests: 1) The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) which is administered for grades 4, 6, and 8, and 2) The Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) which is administered for grades 9, 10, and 11.
- Part 5. College Readiness. One goal of elementary-secondary schooling is to ensure that those students seeking an advanced education are adequately prepared for college. The School Report Cards present two indicators of college readiness:

  1) student performance on the American College Test (ACT), a national test commonly used for college placement purposes, and 2) the percentage of high school graduates who take remedial courses as first-time college freshmen.

A brief narrative, organized as follows introduces each indicator presented in this report:

 an introduction to the indicator and its significance in the study and/or promotion of student learning;

- a description of how data are organized in the accompanying table(s);
- a description of how data appear in the School Report Cards:
- definitions of key terms, where applicable;
- formulas/equations used to calculate statistics, where applicable; and
- the source(s) of the data presented.

A glossary at the end of this report provides operational definitions for key terms.

### **School Categorization**

The mission, organizational structure, and outcomes of schooling vary depending on the level of instruction (i.e., elementary, middle, etc.) (Levine & Lezotte, 1990). In recognition of this, the Profiles Program began in 1993-94 to group schools into four reporting categories based on level of schooling: elementary, middle/junior high, high, and combination (i.e., K-12).

Category comparison statistics are presented by district and for the state as a whole for those indicators that are not reported by grade level; these include class size, attendance, suspension, and expulsion. This homogeneous grouping of schools by level of instruction fosters probably the fairest comparisons; however, district and statewide comparison statistics also are provided.

<u>Note:</u> Category comparison statistics are provided for only those indicators that are reported at the school level. There are no category statistics for the testing and dropout indicators, which are reported by grade level and therefore have even greater comparability than those performance data that are reported by category.

All schools receiving 1997-98 School Report Cards are placed into one of four categories:

- *elementary*—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-8 range, excludes grades in the 9-12 range, and does not fit the definition for middle/junior high.
- *middle/junior high*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 4-9 range, includes grades 7 or 8, and excludes grades in the K-3 and 10-12 ranges.
- *high*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 6-12 range and includes grades in the 10-12 range, or any school that contains only grade 9.
- *combination*—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-12 range and is not described by any of the above definitions. These schools generally contain some grades in the K-6 range and some grades in the 9-12 range. Examples would include grade structures such as K-12; K-3, 9-12; and 4-6, 9-12.

If a school has been re-categorized due to a change in grade structure, that school's longitudinal data will appear in more than one category. For example, if Central High School had grades 9-12 from 1990-91 through 1992-93, its longitudinal data for those years would appear in the high school category. If Central High School became a K-12 school in 1993-94, its data in 1993-94 and thereafter would appear in the combination school category.

As a convenience to readers, the data tables that are organized by category are cross-referenced. In the above example, the high school category data would refer readers interested in Central High's longitudinal performance to the combination category data and vice versa.

# **Demographic Indicators Associated With Educational Attainment**

Research has shown that demographic and socioeconomic variables affect student achievement. An analysis of the background characteristics of the student population places the school performance indicators in their broader context and helps shed light on the degree of difficulty that certain school districts or states experience in educating their particular student populations. In other

words, inclusion of the demographic indicators in Part 1 provides a context for interpretation of the outcomes.

The *District Composite Report* presents the following socioeconomic and demographic information at the parish (not district), state and national levels:

- education attainment,
- labor force breakdown,
- unemployment rate,
- per capita income,
- household income distribution.
- population by race,
- single parent households,
- all persons living below the poverty level, and
- teen pregnancy rate.

The data are supplied by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and Northeast Louisiana University Center for Business and Economic Research.

### **District Financial Overview**

There are many factors which contribute to the overall profile of a school district. Financial information is one of the vital factors which are part of that profile. Inclusion of this information in Part 1 helps the reader understand how a public school district functions, and it provides additional context for the interpretation of educational indicators.

# Longitudinal Analysis: Tracking School Progress Over Time

By law, the Progress Profiles Program is required to present six years of data (the current year and the five previous years). These longitudinal school-level data are presented in the *District Composite* 

Report. Each year, the Composite Reports are updated by adding the most current year's data and deleting the data that are more than six years old. The School Report Cards and Progress Profiles State Report, on the other hand, present only the most current year of data so that parents and policy makers who want a very concise and current snapshot of education performance need not wade through voluminous amounts of information.

Incorporating longitudinal data in the *District Composite Report* enables policy makers to anticipate changes in educational outcomes, not just describe them (Smith, 1988). However, longitudinal reporting does complicate the presentation of data. To assist policy makers in interpreting data, tables in the *District Composite Report* have been formatted as follows:

- 1. Cross-sectional data (i.e., for any given year) are presented vertically in columns. School-to-school comparisons can be made within any given year by scanning up and down columns.
- 2. Longitudinal data are presented horizontally in rows. An individual school's progress on any single variable can be charted over time by scanning left-to-right across columns.
- 3. Schools are listed in *sequential order*, based on school site code and school category.
- 4. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data are shaded as a reminder that 1995-96 was the first year that *Progress Profiles* data were extracted from the Student Information System (SIS), establishing a new baseline year for *Profiles* reporting purposes. **Comparisons between the 1995-96** and subsequent years to previous years' data are strongly discouraged (see box on next page).

All longitudinal tracking of individual schools should be conducted with caution. Because schools, like other organizations, are constantly evolving, a school's name and/or grade configuration may change over time. Such changes may or may not signal a major change in the character of the school.

To facilitate longitudinal tracking of individual schools, the six-digit site codes that the LDE assigns to all public schools have been included in all tables. Barring a major change in grade structure at a school, these site codes remain constant over time and therefore are much more reliable identifiers than the school name itself.

In some instances, longitudinal data on a specific indicator are not available for every site due to school openings, closings, and/or reorganizations. Occasionally, an entire indicator may be added. For example, first-time college freshmen data were added to the *School Report Cards* in 1992-93. In instances such as these, the tilde symbol (~) represents "unavailable data."

Data sometimes are not strictly comparable from one year to the next due to changes in reporting periods, data sources, and/or revisions in indicator definitions. In these instances, the data are footnoted to alert the reader to use caution in drawing longitudinal comparisons.

# 1995-96 Was A New Baseline Year Comparisons With Prior Years Data Are Strongly Discouraged

Special caution is urged in comparing 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 performance information to data from prior years because the Progress Profiles Program underwent two major changes in 1995.

- 1. All 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 Student Participation data (i.e., attendance, suspensions/expulsions, and dropouts), some School Characteristics data (i.e., October 1 membership), and some College Readiness data (i.e., graduates) were taken from the student-level Student Information System (SIS). The SIS data are much more detailed and more precisely defined than the aggregated data collected in prior years. They are not comparable, however, to the school summary data reported prior to 1995-96.
- 2. All Student Participation indicators and most Achievement Indicators (i.e., norm- and criterionreferenced test results) have been expanded to include both regular and special education students. In previous years, these indicators were limited to regular education students.

As a special caution to readers, the columns of 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data are shaded. Data from prior years are presented only for the convenience of readers whose information needs are more historical than comparative.

### The Challenge: Accurate and Reliable Reporting

Measurement is a process involving both theoretical as well as empirical considerations. Most assuredly, research based on the inadequate measurement of indicators does not result in a greater understanding of the particular indicator (Carmines and Zeller, 1979). Though it is widely recognized that the best educational policy is made when officials have access to accurate information, the use of inaccurate or unreliable data is more dangerous than no information at all. Recognizing this, every effort has been made to ensure the reliability and validity of the data reported on the *Progress Profiles*. Toward that end, LDE and district staff examine each indicator through a meticulous data correction and verification process.

The Progress Profiles Program has grown substantially over the past several years. The LDE has executed an elaborate process for data verification and analysis to ensure that quality is an intrinsic part of each *Progress Profiles* report.

### **Satisfying the Need for Analysis**

Though all states have some form of educational performance indicator system, the criticism is often heard that too few do anything with the data. "The missing ingredient in most education indicator systems is analysis," notes Allen Odden. "Analysis is critical; it makes sense of the data, explores relationships among the inputs, processes, and outputs of the educational system, and makes policy recommendations for change" (Odden, 1990).

In keeping with national trends toward supplementing educational indicator systems with policy-relevant analysis, LDE staff research the relationships among various *School Report Card* indicators and explore their utility as predictors of student performance. The results of some analyses are presented in shaded boxes accompanying the narrative introduction to each indicator.

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LDE research offers statistical support for what teachers and other educators have long assumed: schools that display the highest level of student achievement are schools with a high percentage of student attendance, a low percentage of students suspended, and a low percentage of student dropouts (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

# Part 1. District Summary

Parish Socioeconomic And Demographic Overview	. 1-1
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The socioeconomic and demographic composition of the parish may shed light on household situations and thus the educational system of a school district. Issues such as income, poverty rate, single parent households, and teen pregnancy affect family function, which is strongly linked to achievement. This section examines state- and national-level information for each parish socioeconomic and demographic indicator presented.

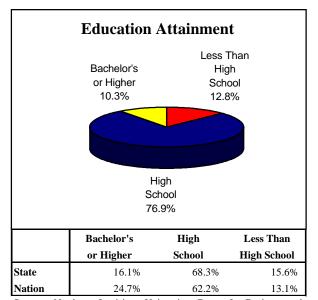
### **Definitions**

- Education Attainment—is divided into three levels:
  - 1. <u>Less than high school degree</u>: includes persons of compulsory school attendance age or above who are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates.
  - 2. <u>High school degree</u>: includes persons whose highest degree is a high school diploma or its equivalent and those who have attempted some college or have received an associate degree. Persons who completed the twelfth grade but did not receive a diploma are not included.
  - 3. <u>Bachelor's degree or higher</u>: includes those persons who have received a college, university, or professional degree.
- Labor Force—is divided into four categories:
  - 1. White collar: includes persons with executive, administrative, and managerial occupations; professional specialty occupations; technicians and related support occupations; sales occupations; and administrative support occupations, including clerical.
  - 2. <u>Blue collar</u>: includes persons with precision production, craft, and repair occupations; transportation and material moving occupations; positions held by machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors; and positions held by handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers.
  - 3. <u>Service & Other</u>: includes persons with private household occupations, protective service occupations, and other service occupations.

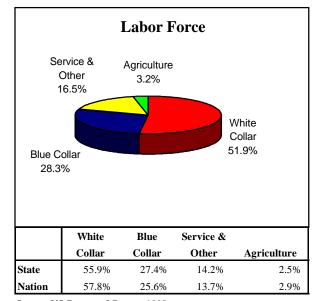
- 4. <u>Agriculture</u>: includes persons who perform farming, forestry, and fishing industry jobs.
- *Household Income Distribution*—is divided into seven major groups. The annual income range begins with below \$15,000 and ends with \$100,000 and above.
- Population by Race—is divided into three major groups, white, black, and "other." The "other" category consists of Native Americans and Asian/Pacific Islanders. It should be noted that, according to the 1990 Bureau of Census data, Hispanic origin can be viewed as the ancestry, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race and are therefore included in the categories of white, black, and "other."
- *Single Parent Household Rate*—is the number of single parent households divided by the total number of households.
- *Poverty Threshold*—is revised to allow for changes in the cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index. According to the 1990 Bureau of the Census data, the average poverty threshold for a family of four persons was \$12,674.
- *Teen Pregnancy Rate*—is the total number of teenage girls under the age of 19 divided by the total number of pregnant women.
- *Per capita income*—is the average income computed for every man, woman, and child in a particular group. The Census Bureau derived per capita income by dividing the total income of a particular group by the total population in that group (excluding patients or inmates in institutional quarters).
- Unemployment rate—is the total number of persons not working, who are available and seeking work, regardless of age, as a percentage of the civilian labor force. This is considered the official unemployment rate and is typically cited in comparisons.

### Vernon Parish Socioeconomic and Demographic Overview

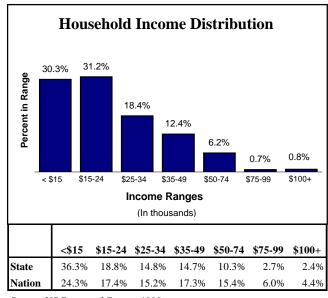
As each school district works toward its educational vision and goals, social and economic factors within the parish may directly or indirectly affect the educational experience of students. An overview of the relevant demographic and socioeconomic profile of each parish places the education indicator data presented in this report in the proper context. These data provide a socioeconomic and demographic profile of the parish as a whole, not the public school district. In preparing this section, every effort was made to obtain the most recent data available for each indicator.



Sources: Northeast Louisiana University, Center for Business and Economic Research and NCES, 1995.



Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.



Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.

Population by Race			
Other			
5.3% Black 20.8%	White 74.0%		

	White	Black	Other
State	67.3%	30.8%	1.9%
Nation	83.9%	12.3%	3.8%

Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.

Poverty Level						
Parish State Natio						
All Persons Living Below Poverty Level	19.1%	23.6%	15.7%			

Source: Northeast Louisiana University, Center for Business and Economic Research, 1993.

Single Parenthood						
Parish State Nation						
Single Parent Households	10.8%	19.1%	14.8%			

Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.

Labor Related Statistics						
	Parish	State	Nation			
Per Capita Income 1	\$14,601	\$19,709	\$24,436			
Unemployment Rate <sup>2</sup> 7.2% 6.6% 5.4%						

Sources: 1) Northeast Louisiana University, Center for Business and Economic Research, 1996. 2) Bureau of Labor and Statistics, US. Dept of Labor, 1996.

Teen Pregnancy						
Parish State Nation						
Teen Pregnancy Rate	16.0%	18.9%	12.9%			

Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, 1996.

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Financial information broadens the understanding of how public school districts function and provides additional context for the interpretation of educational indicators. The two major components of the financial information are revenues and expenditures.

### **Definitions**

- *Revenues*—are governmental funds appropriated for public education. Revenues are received from four main sources:
  - Local: monies collected directly by a district through taxes (ad valorem, sales, and use taxes), bonds, revenues from other local government units, tuition, transportation fees, earnings of investments, food service, and community service.
  - 2. <u>State</u>: monies received from the state government through Louisiana's Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula, grants-in-aid, and specific programs such as the Early Childhood Program.
  - 3. <u>Federal</u>: monies received from the federal government through a variety of programs such as Title I, Impact Aid Fund, Reserve Officer Training Corps Program (ROTC), Headstart Programs, School Food Service, Adult Basic Education, and Special Education.
  - 4. <u>District revenues per pupil</u>: total revenues divided by the adjusted October 1 funded student membership.
- Expenditures—are charges incurred, whether paid or unpaid, which benefit the current fiscal year. Total expenditures include the following categories:\*
  - 1. <u>Instructional Expenditures</u>: monies spent for classroom instruction, pupil support, and instructional staff support.

- Non-instructional expenditures: monies spent for school administration, business services, operations and maintenance, transportation, food services, enterprises, and community services.
- 3. <u>Facility Acquisition & Construction Services</u>: monies spent for activities concerned with acquiring land and buildings, remodeling buildings, constructing buildings and additions to buildings, initially installing or extending service systems and other built-in equipment, and improving sites.
- 4. <u>District expenditures per pupil</u>: total expenditures minus debt service divided by the adjusted October 1 funded membership.

Additional items frequently of interest to the public are average salary of full-time teachers and beginning teacher salary. Average salary calculations include full-time classroom teachers and librarians; special education teachers, aides, guidance counselors, and part-time teachers are not included. Beginning teacher salary is defined as the salary paid to a new teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience. This information is different from average salary of full-time teachers, which is an average of all teachers' salaries in the district.

Note: Some districts' financial data may be adjusted after the publication of this report due to audits. The financial information in this section is based on the December 1, 1998, figures provided by the Office of Management and Finance, LDE.

<sup>\*</sup> Debt service and other long-term obligations are not included in expenditure figures because these monies provide services during multiple years and should not be attributed to only one year.

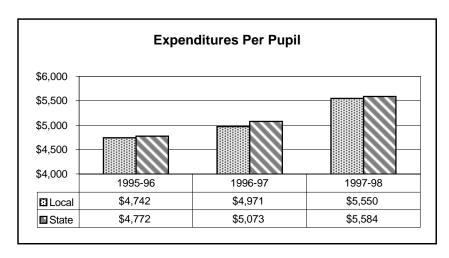
### Vernon Parish Financial Profile

	District Revenue by Source								
		1995-96			1996-97			1997-98	
Revenue		% of District	State		% of District	State		% of District	State
Source	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %
Local	\$9,817,054	18.3%	36.8%	\$10,724,153	19.7%	37.4%	\$12,680,857	21.1%	37.6%
State	\$33,251,888	62.0%	50.9%	\$34,882,195	64.0%	50.8%	\$36,592,353	60.8%	51.0%
Federal	\$10,520,121	19.6%	12.3%	\$8,910,271	16.3%	11.8%	\$10,925,683	18.1%	11.4%
Total	\$53,589,063	100.0%	100.0%	\$54,516,619	100.0%	100.0%	\$60,198,893	100.0%	100.0%

Adjusted October 1 Student Membership					
1995-96 1996-97 1997-98					
11,068	10,580	10,286			

Revenues Per Pupil						
1995-96   1996-97   1997-98						
Local	\$4,842	\$5,153	\$5,853			
State Average \$4,981 \$5,296 \$5,81						

ĺ	Teacher Salaries												
I		Local Beginning	Local Average	State Average									
ı	Year	Salary	Salary	Salary									
ĺ	1995-96	\$20,031	\$24,681	\$26,800									
ĺ	1996-97	\$19,898	\$28,306	\$29,025									
ĺ	1997-98	\$22,073	\$31,089	\$31,131									



District Expenditures by Category													
		1995-96			1996-97		1997-98						
		% of District	State		% of District State			% of District	State				
Expenditure Category	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %				
Instructional Expenditures	\$34,213,069	66.9%	68.0%	\$35,194,546	67.5%	68.2%	\$38,577,692	67.9%	68.9%				
Non-Instructional Expenditures	\$16,906,102	33.1%	32.0%	\$16,919,024	32.5%	31.8%	\$18,197,951	32.1%	31.1%				
Subtotal	\$51,119,171	100.0%	100.0%	\$52,113,570	100.0%	100.0%	\$56,775,643	100.0%	100.0%				
Facility Acquisition & Construction Services	\$1,366,446			\$474,433			\$308,170						
Total Expenditures (excluding debt services)	\$52,485,617			\$52,588,003			\$57,083,813						

### Notes:

- 1. District financial data may be adjusted as a result of audits conducted by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- 2. Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.
- 3. Revenue per pupil and operating expenditure per pupil are based on adjusted October 1 funded student membership.

School Characteristics

		Schools in Vernon Parish											
	1992-93	1992-93   1993-94   1994-95   1995-96   1996-97   1997-98											
Schools in Vernon Parish													
October 1 Membership	10,319	10,963	10,555	10,983	10,446	10,159							
Number of Faculty	796	796 753 795 788 757 740											

Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher												
1992	2-93	1993-94		1994	1994-95		5-96	1990	6-97	1997-98		
Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	
31.30	246	32.84	243	32.13	250	32.68	251	33.47	246	32.16	238	

### Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

			Cla	ıss Si	ze Chai	acteri	stics for	Grac	les K-1	2		
	1992	2-93	1993	-94	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97		1997	-98
	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent N	umber	Percent 1	Vumber	Percent 1	Number
Class Size Characteristics for Grades K-12												
Elementary Schools												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	23.43	71	19.87	63	25.41	78	17.23	51	20.00	57
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	50.83	154	65.93	209	53.09	163	56.08	166	52.63	150
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	25.74	78	14.20	45	21.50	66	26.69	79	27.37	78
Middle/Jr. <u>High Schools</u>			-									
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	14.39	20	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	17.99	25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	67.63	94	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
High Schools			-									
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	34.70	212	30.60	243	39.51	324	35.08	281	42.00	349
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	32.08	196	35.39	281	30.98	254	38.08	305	39.11	325
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	33.22	203	34.01	270	29.51	242	26.84	215	18.89	157
Combination Schools			-									
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	57.14	212	58.78	221	58.13	218	60.96	228	64.87	253
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	28.57	106	22.61	85	27.47	103	24.87	93	22.05	86
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	14.29	53	18.62	70	14.40	54	14.17	53	13.08	51
All Schools			-									
Class Size Range 1 - 20	41.99	634	36.17	515	35.44	527	41.28	620	38.07	560	43.76	659
Class Size Range 21 - 26	32.58	492	33.78	481	38.67	575	34.62	520	38.34	564	37.25	561
Class Size Range 27 or more	25.43	384	30.06	428	25.89	385	24.10	362	23.59	347	18.99	286

Student Participation

	Student Attendance												
	1992-93   1993-94   1994-95   1995-96   1996-97   1997-98												
Percent of Student Attendance													
Elementary Schools	~	95.81	95.73	95.43	95.47	95.97							
Middle/Jr. High Schools	~	95.64	~	~	~	~							
High Schools	~	93.34	93.37	93.03	92.29	93.39							
Combination Schools	~	95.09	94.27	94.45	93.42	94.70							
All Schools	95.08 95.06 94.71 94.48 94.07 94												

		Student Dropouts											
	1992-93°	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98							
	Percent Number	Percent Number Percen											
Student <u>Dropouts</u>													
Grade 7	0.61 6	0.53	6 0.00 0	1.28 12	1.87 18	1.29 12							
Grade 8	0.21 2	0.58	5 0.10 1	3.45 33	5.74 51	5.30 45							
Grade 9	1.95	1.07	2 0.35 3	8.58 81	9.44 90	9.45 85							
Grade 10	1.99 15	1.24	0.26	8.69 73	10.49 84	11.56 94							
Grade 11	1.02 7	0.90	0.16	10.61 76	11.04 81	14.42 95							
Grade 12	0.96 5	0.58	0.00	7.62 43	7.35 40	5.24 31							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance definition was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.

Student Participation (Continued)

	Students Suspended and Expelled											
	1992-93			-94	1994	1-95	1995-96 <sup>1</sup>		1996-97		1997	<b>'-98</b>
	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number
Students Suspended and Expelled												
Elementary Schools												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.48	440	6.55	375
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	2.07	134	2.15	130	2.76	182	3.16	186	2.15	123
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.00	0	0.02	1	0.02	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
Middle/Jr. <u>High Schools</u>		_										
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	11.37	96	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.59	5	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
High Schools												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	21.22	823	19.37	719
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	8.47	320	12.46	489	16.53	643	19.64	762	16.33	606
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.26	10	0.05	2	0.10	4	0.00	0	0.24	9
Combination Schools												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.97	21
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	6.65	146	5.76	117	3.21	76	2.72	59	2.77	60
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.32	7	0.15	3	0.08	2	0.00	0	0.00	0
All Schools												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.73	1,263	9.69	1,113
Suspended (Out of School)	5.11	688	5.23	696	6.13	736	7.09	901	8.55	1,007	6.86	788
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.17	23	0.17	22	0.05	6	0.06	7	0.00	0	0.08	9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Student Achievement

	Reading Level Evaluation Results											
	199	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		5-96	1996-97		199′	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percen	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 02												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		871
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.03	157
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	70.72	616
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.25	98
Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 03												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		820
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.29	109
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	75.85	622
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.85	89

	Percent of Students Passing CRT and Number of Students								idents	Tested		
	1992-93		1993-94		1994	<b>4-95</b>	1995-96		1996-97		199′	7-98
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Criterion-referenced Test (CRT) Results - Grade 03												
Language Arts	98	775	98	752	98	795	98	844	99	781	98	802
Mathematics	98	774	97	748	98	794	98	858	99	784	97	811
Criterion-referenced Test (CRT) Results - Grade 05												
Language Arts	97	772	97	756	98	757	97	784	98	728	96	707
Mathematics	98	767	97	755	99	755	97	783	97	729	96	704
Criterion-referenced Test (CRT) Results - Grade 07			,									
Language Arts	97	778	98	765	97	786	95	766	94	752	94	793
Mathematics	94	775	95	762	96	787	94	761	94	751	95	793
Graduation Exit Exam (GEE) Results			,									
Language Arts	96	574	95	563	95	589	93	625	91	573	92	591
Mathematics	90	574	83	563	89	595	86	628	83	572	85	587
Written Composition	97	562	94	561	98	579	98	608	96	552	98	584
Science	87	516	93	495	91	472	83	513	88	506	93	475
Social Studies	93	519	93	494	95	480	91	514	94	506	95	476

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective in 1997-98, the Louisiana Legislature required each second and third grade teacher to report the number of students reading below grade level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

Student Achievement (Continued)

Percent of Students by National Quartiles and Percentile Rank of Average Standard Scores for National Student Norms - The Iowa Tests 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1993-94 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 04 Fourth Ouartile 26.4 Third Quartile 30.7 Second Ouartile 33.4 First Ouartile 9.5 Percentile Rank 58.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 06 Fourth Quartile 25.0 Third Quartile 35.6 Second Quartile 31.0 First Quartile 8.5 Percentile Rank 58.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 08 Fourth Ouartile 20.2 Third Ouartile 40.4 Second Ouartile 30.5 First Ouartile 9.0 Percentile Rank 56.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 09 Fourth Quartile 25.9 Third Ouartile 36.3 Second Quartile 25.7 First Ouartile 12.2 Percentile Rank 57.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 10 Fourth Quartile 18.3 Third Ouartile 32.7 Second Quartile 31.5 17.5 First Quartile Percentile Rank 50.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Represents graduates from the previous school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

Student Achievement (Continued)

		•	•	tiles and Perotudent Norms		C						
	1992-93 1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 1996-97 1997-98											
Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 11												
Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.3						
Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.3						
Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3						
First Quartile	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 18.1											
Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	49.0						

# College Readiness

		American College Test (ACT) Results											
	1992-93	1992-93 1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 1996-97 1997-98											
Average Composite Score	19.0	18.8	19.1	19.4	19.1	19.2							

			F	irst-tin	ne Coll	ege Fr	eshme	n Perfo	ormanc	e			
	1992-93         1993-94         1994-95         1995-96         1996-97         1997-98           Percent Number   P												
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		529		453		520		518		478		~	
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	31.95	169	27.81	126	35.96	187	34.56	179	33.05	158	~	~	
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	56.80 96 49.21 62 48.66 91 46.93 84 42.40 67 ~ ~												

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Represents graduates from the previous school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Part 2. School Characteristics

Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher2-	-5
Class Size Characteristics2-	-7

**Table 1**Schools in Vernon Parish

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
058001	Anacoco High School						
	Grade Structure	7-12,S	7-12,S	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12
	October 1 Membership	410	399	404	413	413	409
	Number of Faculty	30	28	30	31	31	30
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High
058002	East Leesville Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-4,S	P,K-4,S	P,K-4	K-4	K-4	K-4,NG
	October 1 Membership	620	598	547	544	542	518
	Number of Faculty	51	46	47	45	47	41
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
058003	Evans School						
	Grade Structure	K-12,S	K-12,S	P,K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
	October 1 Membership	433	397	360	351	386	388
	Number of Faculty	35	34	35	33	33	30
	Category	~	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination
058004	Hicks School						
	Grade Structure	K-12	K-12,S	P,K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
	October 1 Membership	363	368	326	323	311	291
	Number of Faculty	31	30	30	32	31	26
	Category	~	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination
058005	Hornbeck School						
	Grade Structure	K-12,S	P,K-12,NG,S	P,K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
	October 1 Membership	397	424	429	429	402	433
	Number of Faculty	34	32	33	36	36	33
	Category	~	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination
058006	Leesville High School						
	Grade Structure	8-12,S	8-12,S	9-12	9-12	9-12	9-12
	October 1 Membership	889	1,134	1,098	1,142	1,023	973
	Number of Faculty	93	84	89	84	78	76
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High
058007	Leesville Junior High School						
	Grade Structure	7-8,NG,S	7-8,NG,S	7-12	7-12,NG	7-12,NG	7-12,NG
	October 1 Membership	669	700	707	832	720	696
	Number of Faculty	50	46	49	60	58	53
	Category	~	Middle/Jr. High	High	High	High	High

**Table 1**Schools in Vernon Parish

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
058008	Pickering Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-6,S	K-6,S	P,K-6	K-6,NG	K-6,NG	K-6,NG
	October 1 Membership	1,140	1,100	1,033	1,110	1,050	1,042
	Number of Faculty	88	74	73	73	69	65
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
058009	Pickering High School						
	Grade Structure	7-12,S	7-12,S	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12
	October 1 Membership	575	615	628	659	640	629
	Number of Faculty	43	41	46	45	43	41
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High
058010	Pitkin High School						
	Grade Structure	P,K-12	P,K-12,S	P,K-12	K-12,NG	K-12,NG	K-12,NG
	October 1 Membership	680	606	607	558	558	539
	Number of Faculty	49	47	52	52	48	41
	Category	~	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination
058011	South Polk Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	2-4,S	2-4,S	2-4	2-4,NG	2-4,NG	2-4,NG
	October 1 Membership	523	616	591	648	613	627
	Number of Faculty	48	42	48	44	40	36
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
058012	Rosepine High School						
	Grade Structure	7-12,S	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12
	October 1 Membership	465	472	498	494	517	505
	Number of Faculty	31	32	35	36	36	34
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High
058013	Simpson School						
	Grade Structure	K-12,S	K-12,S	P,K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
	October 1 Membership	327	339	328	351	319	333
	Number of Faculty	25	29	30	30	31	27
	Category	~	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination	Combination
058014	Vernon Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	P,5-6,S		5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6
	October 1 Membership	776	818	703	749	663	650
	Number of Faculty	55	53	54	52	48	43
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary

~ = Unavailable Data

S = Special Education

P = Pre-kindergarten

NG = Nongraded

**Table 1**Schools in Vernon Parish

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
058015	West Leesville Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	P,K-4,S	P,K-4,S	P,K-4	K-4,NG	K-4,NG	K-4,NG
	October 1 Membership	590	628	579	604	555	453
	Number of Faculty	60	61	62	59	54	51
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
058016	Rosepine Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-6,S	K-6,S	P,K-6	K-6,NG	K-6,NG	K-6,NG
	October 1 Membership	593	600	610	593	620	597
	Number of Faculty	40	42	46	46	47	42
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
058018	Anacoco Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-6,S	K-6,S	K-6	K-6	K-6	K-6
	October 1 Membership	467	525	526	525	522	523
	Number of Faculty	34	36	36	36	36	33
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
058019	North Polk Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	P,K-1,S	K-1,S	P,K-1	K-1,NG	K-1,NG	K-1,NG
	October 1 Membership	402	624	581	658	592	553
	Number of Faculty	46	37	44	44	42	38
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
District							
	October 1 Membership	10,319	10,963	10,555	10,983	10,446	10,159
	Number of Faculty	796	753	795	788	757	740

### Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

Perhaps the most vital educational resource available to students is the school faculty. One indicator of faculty preparation is the level of academic training the staff has completed.

### **Organization**

Table 2, Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher, presents the number and percent of faculty attaining a master's degree or higher. Data are presented for all faculty members in all schools in the districts that receive a *School Report Card*. Schools are presented in site code order. District and state totals are presented for comparison purposes.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The School Report Card displays the percent of faculty with a master's degree or higher.

### **Definition**

• *Faculty*—school-based instructional personnel. In addition to full-time classroom teachers, these individuals include principals,

assistant principals, guidance counselors, librarians, and other instructional staff (provided these individuals teach at least one class.)

### **Method of Calculation**

The formula used to compute the percentage of faculty who have a master's degree or higher is presented below. Itinerant staff members who are employed at multiple school sites are counted at each school in which they teach, but are counted only once in district and state percentages.

### **Data Sources**

Site-based personnel— district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP).

Faculty degree status— district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP).

### Formula Used to Calculate Percent of Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

Percent of Faculty
with a Master's Degree = Number of Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

Total Number of Faculty at All Education Levels

X 100

Table 2Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>4-95</b>	1995	5-96	1996	-97	1997	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent	Number
058001	Anacoco High School	46.67	14	39.29	11	37.93	11	40.00	12	46.67	14	53.33	16
058002	East Leesville Elementary School	33.33	17	36.96	17	40.43	19	35.56	16	29.79	14	34.15	14
058003	Evans School	40.00	14	32.35	11	42.86	15	36.36	12	28.13	9	26.67	8
058004	Hicks School	32.26	10	31.03	9	34.48	10	32.26	10	41.94	13	42.31	11
058005	Hornbeck School	35.29	12	40.63	13	37.50	12	28.57	10	28.57	10	30.30	10
058006	Leesville High School	35.23	31	41.77	33	38.10	32	39.74	31	43.06	31	35.53	27
058007	Leesville Junior High School	30.61	15	33.33	15	35.42	17	26.67	16	25.86	15	20.75	11
058008	Pickering Elementary School	26.14	23	28.38	21	27.40	20	26.03	19	28.36	19	33.85	22 13
058009	Pickering High School	32.56	14	26.83	11	32.61	15	40.00	18	30.23	13	31.71	13
058010	Pitkin High School	31.25	15	32.61	15	33.33	17	37.50	18	37.78	17	36.59	15
058011	South Polk Elementary School	25.00	12	26.19	11	25.00	12	22.73	10	23.08	9	25.00	9
058012	Rosepine High School	45.16	14	43.75	14	29.41	10	37.14	13	40.00	14	38.24	13
058013	Simpson School	52.00	13	50.00	14	58.62	17	62.07	18	53.33	16	40.74	11
058014	Vernon Elementary School	22.64	12	25.49	13	26.92	14	30.00	15	34.04	16	27.91	12
058015	West Leesville Elementary School	30.00	18	24.59	15	27.42	17	28.07	16	35.85	19	29.41	15
058016	Rosepine Elementary School	47.50	19	43.90	18	34.09	15	29.55	13	33.33	15	28.57	12
058018	Anacoco Elementary School	39.39	13	28.57	10	34.29	12	37.14	13	40.00	14	33.33	11
058019	North Polk Elementary School	21.74	10	24.32	9	20.45	9	18.60	8	19.51	8	21.05	8
District		31.30	246	32.84	243	32.13	250	32.68	251	33.47	246	32.16	238
State		43.62	21,927	43.57	22,111	42.53	21,844	42.20	21,854	41.55	21,556	39.83	20,938

Small classes generally allow more time for pupil-teacher interaction and therefore are instrumental in promoting student learning, especially at the lower elementary grades. In recognition of that fact, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has set specific limits on the maximum size of classes at various grade levels (*Bulletin 741*). The maximum enrollment in grades K-3 is 26 students, while in grades 4-12 the maximum enrollment is 33 students. The limits do not apply to activity classes such as physical education, chorus, and band.

### **Organization**

Tables 3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d (Class Size Characteristics for Elementary, Middle/Junior High, High, and Combination Schools, respectively) present the number and percentage of classes that fall within various class size ranges. Data are presented for all schools in the district that receive a *School Report Card*, with schools presented by category and in site code order. District and state percentages are presented for comparison of all schools. Since 1993-94, district and state percentages based on school category also have been provided.

The *District Composite Report* presents class size information for grades K-12 in three ranges: 1-20, 21-26, and 27 or more students.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Card provides 1997-98 class size information for grades K-12 by three ranges: 1-20, 21-26, and 27+. Category percentages are provided for comparison purposes.

### **Definition**

 Class—a grouping of children under the primary supervision and instruction of an individual teacher for all or part of the instructional day, as reported for the purposes of the *Annual* School Report (ASR) and identifiable by a specific ASR course code.

### **Method of Calculation**

The following criterion was applied to *Annual School Report (ASR)* data to determine which classes should be included/excluded from the class size calculations:

 Activity classes (which have a maximum allowable student count greater than 33) are excluded because their inclusion in the computation would skew the results.

### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Classes in Each of the Specific Class Size Ranges

Percent of Classes
in Specific Class Size Range = 

Number of Classes in Specific
Class Size Range

Total Number of Classes

X 100\*

\*Note: Due to school categorization, the numerator and denominator will vary. For example, Percent of Classes in Elementary Schools in Specific Class Size Range = (Number of Classes in Elementary Schools in Specific Class Size Range / Total Number of Classes in Elementary Schools) X 100.

### **Data Source**

District-reported data from the Annual School Report (ASR).

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LDE researchers have explored the relationship between school configuration and Report Card indicators related to student participation and testing. Middle school students perform significantly lower in grades 6 and 7 for all indicators than grades 6 and 7 students in elementary or combination (K-12) schools (Franklin and Glascock, 1994).

# **Table 3a: Class Size Characteristics**

# Elementary Schools

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	-96	1996	-97	1997	-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent 1	Number	Percent 1	Vumber
058002	East Leesville Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	42.86	15	53.13	17	60.61	20	61.29	19	77.42	24	55.17	16
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	57.14	20	46.88	15	39.39	13	38.71	12	22.58	7	44.83	13
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058008	Pickering Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	46.24	43	12.86	9	14.08	10	18.57	13	2.90	2	1.69	1
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	26.88	25	51.43	36	73.24	52	48.57	34	69.57	48	71.19	42
	Class Size Range 27 or more	26.88	25	35.71	25	12.68	9	32.86	23	27.54	19	27.12	16
058011	South Polk Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	14.29	6	12.90	4	0.00	0	20.00	8	5.71	2	5.26	2
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	83.33	35	48.39	15	85.00	34	62.50	25	57.14	20	55.26	21
	Class Size Range 27 or more	2.38	1	38.71	12	15.00	6	17.50	7	37.14	13	39.47	15
058014	Vernon Elementary School											1	
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	31.11	14	28.21	11	15.00	6	0.00	0	2.70	1	30.95	13
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	28.89	13	17.95	7		19	51.22	21	2.70	1	7.14	3
	Class Size Range 27 or more	40.00	18	53.85	21	37.50	15	48.78	20	94.59	35	61.90	26
058015	West Leesville Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	33.33	12	31.43	11	45.45	15	71.88	23	31.03	9	56.00	14
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	66.67	24	68.57	24	54.55	18	28.13	9	68.97	20	44.00	11
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058016	Rosepine Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	14.29	4	16.28	7	20.00	7	25.00	8	22.22	8	14.29	5
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	64.29	18	37.21	16	51.43	18	56.25	18	72.22	26	48.57	17
	Class Size Range 27 or more	21.43	6	46.51	20	28.57	10	18.75	6	5.56	2	37.14	13
058018	Anacoco Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	42.31	11	29.63	8	11.11	3	18.52	5	7.41	2	11.11	3
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	46.15	12	70.37	19	70.37	19	44.44	12	55.56	15	59.26	16
	Class Size Range 27 or more	11.54	3	0.00	0	18.52	5	37.04	10	37.04	10	29.63	8
058019	North Polk Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	69.23	27	15.38	4	5.26	2	5.88	2	9.38	3	10.00	3
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	30.77	12	84.62	22	94.74	36	94.12	32	90.63	29	90.00	27
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

# **Table 3a: Class Size Characteristics**

# Elementary Schools

	1992	2-93	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	<b>-95</b>	1995	5-96	1996	5-97	1997	<b>7-98</b>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District (Elementary Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	23.43	71	19.87	63	25.41	78	17.23	51	20.00	57
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	50.83	154	65.93	209	53.09	163	56.08	166	52.63	150
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	25.74	78	14.20	45	21.50	66	26.69	79	27.37	78
District (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	41.99	634	36.17	515	35.44	527	41.28	620	38.07	560	43.76	659
Class Size Range 21 - 26	32.58	492	33.78	481	38.67	575	34.62	520	38.34	564	37.25	561
Class Size Range 27 or more	25.43	384	30.06	428	25.89	385	24.10	362	23.59	347	18.99	286
State (Elementary Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	29.86	9,170	30.32	9,287	32.15	9,840	31.58	9,687	34.34	11,090
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	51.31	15,758	50.85	15,577	50.68	15,510	53.06	16,277	51.25	16,553
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	18.83	5,783	18.83	5,768	17.17	5,255	15.37	4,714	14.41	4,654
State (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	30.00	33,335	30.42	34,199	31.18	35,133	32.25	36,358	32.51	37,192	34.44	40,803
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.59	45,104	39.16	44,023	39.79	44,829	39.63	44,678	40.20	45,996	39.38	46,654
Class Size Range 27 or more	29.42	32,693	30.41	34,185	29.03	32,715	28.12	31,698	27.29	31,226	26.17	31,003

# **Table 3b: Class Size Characteristics**

Middle/Jr. High Schools

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	1-95	1995	5-96	1990	5-97	1997	7-98
	Percent	Number										
058007 Leesville Junior High School												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	19.21	29	14.39	20	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Class Size Range 21 - 26	24.50	37	17.99	25	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Class Size Range 27 or more	56.29	85	67.63	94	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
District (Middle/Jr. High Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	14.39	20	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	17.99	25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	67.63	94	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
District (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	41.99	634	36.17	515	35.44	527	41.28	620	38.07	560	43.76	659
Class Size Range 21 - 26	32.58	492	33.78	481	38.67	575	34.62	520	38.34	564	37.25	561
Class Size Range 27 or more	25.43	384	30.06	428	25.89	385	24.10	362	23.59	347	18.99	286
State (Middle/Jr. High Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	21.06	6,253	23.16	6,785	23.22	6,682	24.50	7,050	27.45	8,168
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	38.07	11,300	39.15	11,471	40.39	11,625	40.85	11,756	39.66	11,802
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	40.87	12,133	37.69	11,045	36.40	10,476	34.66	9,975	32.90	9,791
State (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	30.00	33,335	30.42	34,199	31.18	35,133	32.25	36,358	32.51	37,192	34.44	40,803
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.59	45,104	39.16	44,023	39.79	44,829	39.63	44,678	40.20	45,996	39.38	46,654
Class Size Range 27 or more	29.42	32,693	30.41	34,185	29.03	32,715	28.12	31,698	27.29	31,226	26.17	31,003

# **Table 3c: Class Size Characteristics**

# High Schools

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	-96	1996	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent \( \lambda \)	lumber	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Vumber
058001	Anacoco High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	32.29		25.00		40.82	40	35.35	35	43.81	46	41.90	44
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	18.75		47.92	46	39.80	39	39.39	39	48.57	51	44.76	47
	Class Size Range 27 or more	48.96	47	27.08	26	19.39	19	25.25	25	7.62	8	13.33	14
058006	Leesville High School		1										
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	56.39	172	47.81	131	40.07	121	46.88	135	32.34	87	55.10	162
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	33.44		24.45	67	34.11	103	25.35	73	35.32	95	31.63	93
	Class Size Range 27 or more	10.16	31	27.74	76	25.83	78	27.78	80	32.34	87	13.27	39
058007	Leesville Junior High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	8.96	12	38.15	66	42.86	72	36.81	60
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	29.85	40	30.64	53	33.93	57	38.04	62
	Class Size Range 27 or more	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	61.19	82	31.21	54	23.21	39	25.15	41
058009	Pickering High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	19.58	28	24.09	33	32.68	50	39.74	60	37.25	57	35.76	54
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	42.66	61	48.91	67	42.48	65	35.10	53	41.83	64	45.03	68
	Class Size Range 27 or more	37.76	54	27.01	37	24.84	38	25.17	38	20.92	32	19.21	29
058012	Rosepine High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	18.37	18	23.08	24	18.69	20	25.69	28	17.92	19	24.58	29
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	19.39	19	15.38	16	31.78	34	33.03	36	35.85	38	46.61	55
	Class Size Range 27 or more	62.24	61	61.54	64	49.53	53	41.28	45	46.23	49	28.81	34

# **Table 3c: Class Size Characteristics**

# High Schools

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	1-95	1995	5-96	199	6-97	1997	7-98
	Percent	Number										
District (High Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	34.70	212	30.60	243	39.51	324	35.08	281	42.00	349
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	32.08	196	35.39	281	30.98	254	38.08	305	39.11	325
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	33.22	203	34.01	270	29.51	242	26.84	215	18.89	157
District (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	41.99	634	36.17	515	35.44	527	41.28	620	38.07	560	43.76	659
Class Size Range 21 - 26	32.58	492	33.78	481	38.67	575	34.62	520	38.34	564	37.25	561
Class Size Range 27 or more	25.43	384	30.06	428	25.89	385	24.10	362	23.59	347	18.99	286
State (High Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	32.15	14,261	32.55	14,610	33.61	15,285	33.77	15,900	34.96	17,104
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	33.40	14,813	34.49	15,478	33.61	15,285	33.15	15,607	32.95	16,121
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	34.45	15,277	32.96	14,792	32.79	14,911	33.08	15,576	32.10	15,704
State (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	30.00	33,335	30.42	34,199	31.18	35,133	32.25	36,358	32.51	37,192	34.44	40,803
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.59	45,104	39.16	44,023	39.79	44,829	39.63	44,678	40.20	45,996	39.38	46,654
Class Size Range 27 or more	29.42	32,693	30.41	34,185	29.03	32,715	28.12	31,698	27.29	31,226	26.17	31,003

# **Table 3d: Class Size Characteristics**

# Combination Schools

		1992-93 1 Percent Number Pe		1993	3-94	1994	<b>1-95</b>	1995	5-96	1990	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058003	Evans School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	55.00		54.84	34	61.54	40	64.52	40	60.32	38	72.73	48
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	18.33	11	27.42	17	12.31	8	22.58	14	12.70	8	7.58	5
	Class Size Range 27 or more	26.67	16	17.74	11	26.15	17	12.90	8	26.98	17	19.70	13
058004	Hicks School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	67.19		54.69	35	59.02	36	62.50	40	60.32	38	66.13	41
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	20.31	13	34.38	22	19.67	12	20.31	13	22.22	14	24.19	15
	Class Size Range 27 or more	12.50	8	10.94	7	21.31	13	17.19	11	17.46	11	9.68	6
058005	Hornbeck School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	76.83	63	59.15	42	56.76	42	57.14	44	59.21	45	55.26	42
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	17.07	14	28.17	20	14.86	11	18.18	14	22.37	17	28.95	22
	Class Size Range 27 or more	6.10	5	12.68	9	28.38	21	24.68	19	18.42	14	15.79	12
058010	Pitkin High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	49.54		58.04	65	55.36	62	52.73	58	59.26	64	69.30	79
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	42.20	46	33.04	37	38.39	43	41.82	46	35.19	38	25.44	29
	Class Size Range 27 or more	8.26	9	8.93	10	6.25	7	5.45	6	5.56	6	5.26	6
058013	Simpson School									,			
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	53.45	31	58.06	36	64.06	41	58.06	36	67.19	43	59.72	43
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	20.69	12	16.13	10	17.19	11	25.81	16	25.00	16	20.83	15
	Class Size Range 27 or more	25.86	15	25.81	16	18.75	12	16.13	10	7.81	5	19.44	14

# **Table 3d: Class Size Characteristics**

# Combination Schools

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>-95</b>	1995	5-96	1990	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District (Combination Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	57.14	212	58.78	221	58.13	218	60.96	228	64.87	253
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	28.57	106	22.61	85	27.47	103	24.87	93	22.05	86
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	14.29	53	18.62	70	14.40	54	14.17	53	13.08	51
District (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	41.99	634	36.17	515	35.44	527	41.28	620	38.07	560	43.76	659
Class Size Range 21 - 26	32.58	492	33.78	481	38.67	575	34.62	520	38.34	564	37.25	561
Class Size Range 27 or more	25.43	384	30.06	428	25.89	385	24.10	362	23.59	347	18.99	286
State (Combination Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	58.95	4,515	56.60	4,451	57.86	4,551	57.86	4,555	59.43	4,441
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	28.10	2,152	29.29	2,303	28.71	2,258	29.93	2,356	29.14	2,178
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	12.95	992	14.11	1,110	13.43	1,056	12.21	961	11.43	854
State (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	30.00	33,335	30.42	34,199	31.18	35,133	32.25	36,358	32.51	37,192	34.44	40,803
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.59	45,104	39.16	44,023	39.79	44,829	39.63	44,678	40.20	45,996	39.38	46,654
Class Size Range 27 or more	29.42	32,693	30.41	34,185	29.03	32,715	28.12	31,698	27.29	31,226	26.17	31,003

# Part 3. Student Participation

Student Attendance	3-1
Student Dropouts	3-7
Students Suspended and Expelled	3-13

More than a decade ago, American schools were challenged by *A Nation at Risk* to do whatever necessary to reduce the amount of instructional time lost to absenteeism (Bennett, 1988). As educators have long recognized, occasional absences cause some learning disruption, but frequent student absences can severely reduce academic progress (Bamber, 1979).

The percent of student attendance reflects the percentage of time the average student is present within the total number of instructional days. Since 1993-94, attendance has been calculated to the nearest half day.

Prior to 1995-96, attendance data were reported for regular education students only. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data include special education students as well; hence, comparisons with prior years data are strongly discouraged.

#### **Organization**

Tables 4a, 4b, 4c, and 4d, Student Attendance, present the percent of student attendance for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*. District and state percentages are presented for comparison of all schools. Schools are presented by category and in site code order. Since 1993-94, district and state percentages based on school category have been provided for comparison purposes.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Card presents the percent of student attendance for the school, district, and state, based on the school category.

Of all the School Report Card indicators studied, student attendance yields the strongest positive relationship with average test scores. This is especially evident in secondary schools with higher attendance. These schools show a marked increase in the percentage of students passing the Graduation Exit Exam (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

#### **Definitions**

- Aggregate days attendance—the total number of days that students are *present* at the school site over the course of the school year.
- Aggregate days membership—the total number of days that students are *enrolled* (but not necessarily *present* at the school site) over the course of the school year.
- Day of attendance—effective with the 1992-93 school year, "a student is considered to be in attendance when he or she 1) is physically present at a school site or is participating in an authorized school activity and 2) is under the supervision of authorized personnel. This definition extends to students who are homebound, assigned to and participating in drug rehabilitation programs that contain a state-approved education component, or participating in school-authorized field trips."

"Students who meet the above criteria and are present at the school site for 26-50 percent of the student's instructional day shall be credited with a half day of attendance. Those who meet the above criteria and are present for at least 51% of the student's instructional day are credited with a whole day of attendance. Students who are not physically present or who are participating for 25 percent or less of their instructional day will be considered absent for reporting purposes. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, shall be counted as an absence for reporting to the Department." (Bulletin 741)

As mentioned previously, the above definition was piloted for the 1992-93 school year and has been in effect statewide since the 1993-94 school year.

• *Percent of student attendance*—the ratio of aggregate days student attendance to aggregate days membership.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The formulas used in calculating percent of student attendance are presented on the following page.

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The attendance indicator is based on district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Student Information System (SIS).

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#### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Student Attendance

### **School-level Aggregation**

Percent of Student Attendance = 
$$\frac{Aggregate \ Days \ of \ Attendance}{Aggregate \ Days \ of \ Membership} \ X \quad 100$$

### **District-level Aggregation**

Percent of Student Attendance = 
$$\frac{Total\ Aggregate\ Days\ of\ Attendance\ for}{All\ Schools\ in\ the\ District} \times 100^*$$

$$for\ All\ Schools\ in\ the\ District}$$

### **State-level Aggregation**

Percent of Student Attendance = 
$$\frac{Total \, Aggregate \, Days \, of \, Attendance \, for}{All \, Schools \, in \, the \, State} \times 100^*$$

$$for \, All \, Schools \, in \, the \, State$$

\*Note: Due to school categorization, the numerator and denominator will vary. For example, Percent of Student Attendance in Elementary Schools = (Aggregate Days of Attendance for All Elementary Schools / Aggregate Days of Membership for All Elementary Schools) X 100.

# **Table 4a: Percent of Student Attendance**

Elementary Schools

	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996-97	1997-98
058002 East Leesville Elementary School	97.67	98.20	97.47	97.48	97.86	95.80
058008 Pickering Elementary School	99.03	94.71	95.44	94.88	95.08	95.60
058011 South Polk Elementary School	94.22	96.89	96.35	96.42	96.42	96.55
058014 Vernon Elementary School	95.89	96.95	96.23	95.58	95.50	96.07
058015 West Leesville Elementary School	94.56	95.12	94.77	94.74	94.36	95.02
058016 Rosepine Elementary School	95.28	94.96	95.25	94.58	94.67	96.65
058018 Anacoco Elementary School	95.58	96.23	95.28	95.18	95.04	96.53
058019 North Polk Elementary School	93.43	94.33	95.21	95.09	95.13	95.59
District (Elementary Schools)	~	95.81	95.73	95.43	95.47	95.97
District (All Schools)	95.08	95.06	94.71	94.48	94.07	94.91
State (Elementary Schools)	~	95.01	95.21	95.01	95.20	95.01
State (All Schools)	~	93.55	93.64	93.36	93.70	93.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance defintion was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### **Table 4b: Percent of Student Attendance**

Middle/Jr. High Schools

	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996-97	1997-98
058007 Leesville Junior High School	95.43	95.64	High	High	High	High
District (Middle/Jr. High Schools)	~	95.64	~	~	~	~
District (All Schools)	95.08	95.06	94.71	94.48	94.07	94.91
State (Middle/Jr. High Schools)	~	92.84	92.72	92.56	93.14	92.69
State (All Schools)	~	93.55	93.64	93.36	93.70	93.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance defintion was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# **Table 4c: Percent of Student Attendance**

# High Schools

	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996-97	1997-98
058001 Anacoco High School	93.65	93.31	93.61	93.24	93.80	95.86
058006 Leesville High School	92.97	94.23	93.29	89.68	90.34	92.06
058007 Leesville Junior High School	Jr. High	Jr. High	94.23	94.23	93.80	94.42
058009 Pickering High School	93.96	92.83	92.89	96.41	92.05	93.48
058012 Rosepine High School	92.48	92.05	92.72	93.86	93.19	92.40
District (High Schools)	~	93.34	93.37	93.03	92.29	93.39
District (All Schools)	95.08	95.06	94.71	94.48	94.07	94.91
State (High Schools)	~	90.97	91.02	90.62	91.06	90.75
State (All Schools)	~	93.55	93.64	93.36	93.70	93.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance defintion was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# **Table 4d: Percent of Student Attendance**

### Combination Schools

	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996-97	1997-98
058003 Evans School	91.63	93.10	92.90	93.55	92.68	93.37
058004 Hicks School	94.10	92.79	93.53	93.58	92.80	93.64
058005 Hornbeck School	93.30	94.16	94.39	94.89	94.37	94.81
058010 Pitkin High School	97.60	97.52	94.63	94.42	93.64	95.21
058013 Simpson School	96.53	96.45	95.77	95.75	93.34	96.15
District (Combination Schools)	~	95.09	94.27	94.45	93.42	94.70
District (All Schools)	95.08	95.06	94.71	94.48	94.07	94.91
State (Combination Schools)	~	94.45	94.48	94.20	94.67	94.16
State (All Schools)	~	93.55	93.64	93.36	93.70	93.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance defintion was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

Students who drop out of school deprive our country of potentially valuable human resources (Hershaff, 1980). Research indicates that dropping out of school has negative consequences both for the individual who drops out and for society (Curry, Payson, and Sandhu, 1990).

Over the last 20 years, there has been a general increase in high school completion rates. Despite these gains, dropout rates remain at unacceptably high levels. The monitoring of high school dropout rates provides one measure of our progress in increasing the educational attainment of the state's youth. Unfortunately, determining the exact number of students who actually drop out of school is extremely difficult.

According to LDE research, the percent of student dropouts has a strong negative correlation with test scores and attendance, and a positive correlation with school size. Thus, schools with low average test scores and low average attendance generally experience high dropout rates. Larger schools (those with enrollments of roughly 700 or more students) exhibit higher dropout rates than do smaller schools (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

Prior to 1995-96, attendance data were reported for regular education students only. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data include special education students as well; hence, comparisons with prior years data are strongly discouraged.

### **Organization**

Table 5, Student Dropouts, presents the number and percent of students (by grade level) who drop out of school for grades 7-12. Data are presented by school site code for all *Report Card* schools in the district whose grade structure includes grade seven or higher. District and state numbers and percents are offered for comparison purposes.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

School-level counts and percents are reported (by grade) for grades 7-12. Also, district and state percents are presented.

#### **Definitions**

- Cumulative Enrollment—the sum of all students enrolled in a school or district for at least one school day during the course of the school year, used as the denominator for calculating schooland district-level suspension and expulsion percents.
  - Dropout—the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) defines a dropout in the following manner. A school dropout is an individual who was enrolled in school at some time during the previous year, was not enrolled at the beginning of the current school year, had not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program, and did not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions:
    - Death;
    - Temporary absence due to suspension or illness; or
    - Transfer to another public school district, private school, or state- or district-approved education program.

For the purpose of this definition:

- A school year is the 12-month period of time beginning with the normal opening of school in the fall, with dropouts from the previous summer reported for the year and grade for which they fail to enroll;
- An individual has graduated from high school or completed an approved education program upon receipt of formal recognition from school authorities; and
- A state- or district-approved education program may include special education programs, home-based instruction, and school-sponsored GED preparation.

#### **Method of Calculation**

Louisiana's school- and district-level student dropout percents are calculated by dividing the total number of student dropouts in each grade for grades 7-12 by the cumulative enrollment for that grade. The formulas used to produce percent of student dropouts are presented at the bottom of this page.

#### **Data Sources**

The dropout indicator is based on district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Student Information System (SIS).

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### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Student Dropouts

(Grades 7-12)

### **School-level Aggregation**

#### **District-level Aggregation**

#### **State-level Aggregation**

**Table 5: Student Dropouts** 

		1992	<b>2-93</b> <sup>1</sup>	1993	-94	1994	-95	1995	<b>-96</b> <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	-98
		Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent N	lumber	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent \( \lambda \)	lumber
058001	Anacoco High School												
	Grade 7	0.93	1	2.30	2	0.00	0	0.00	0		2	0.92	1
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.27	1	2.20	2	1.18	1
	Grade 9	5.06	4		0	0.00	0	9.76	8	4.11	3	1.20	1
	Grade 10	4.21	4	0.00	0	0.00	0	10.26	8	10.39	8	10.00	6
	Grade 11	2.99	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	4.76	4	7.35	5	10.45	7
	Grade 12	3.92	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	6.12	3	0.00	0	8.00	4
058003	Evans School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0		1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	2.50	1
	Grade 8	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	5.56	2	3.23	1	3.13	1
	Grade 9	0.00	0	2.63	1	5.71	2	6.67	2	5.71	2	0.00	0
	Grade 10	0.00	0	3.85	1	2.50	1	5.88	2	0.00	0	3.03	1
	Grade 11	0.00	0		2	0.00	0	19.35	6	5.88	2	0.00	0
	Grade 12	0.00	0	2.86	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	4.00	1	0.00	0
058004	Hicks School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	9.09	3	0.00	0
	Grade 8	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	5.41	2	3.57	1	0.00	0
	Grade 9	1.89	1	5.41	2	0.00	0	3.33	1	2.86	1	0.00	0
	Grade 10	0.00	0		1	0.00	0	5.56	2	9.38	3	14.71	5
	Grade 11	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	13.79	4	3.45	1	9.68	3
	Grade 12	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	20.83	5	4.17	1	4.17	1
058005	Hornbeck School												
	Grade 7	6.06	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	3.23	1	0.00	0
	Grade 8	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	5.41	2	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Grade 9	5.00	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	6.25	3	9.76	4	0.00	0
	Grade 10	3.13	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	18.18	6	2.38	1	12.50	5
	Grade 11	3.13	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	9.38	3	0.00	0	5.26	2 2
	Grade 12	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	7.14	2	3.57	1	9.09	2
058006	Leesville High School												
	Grade 9	0.73	3		4	0.00	0	6.53	28	8.93	35	7.95	31
	Grade 10	1.24	4		8	0.00	0	7.82	29	9.20	30	9.23	31
	Grade 11	0.67	2		4	0.00	0	7.49	23	9.74	30	16.67	44
	Grade 12	0.00	0	1.16	3	0.00	0	10.09	22	8.96	18	3.28	8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.
<sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

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**Table 5: Student Dropouts** 

										1996			
		Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent N	umber	Percent	Number
058007	Leesville Junior High School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.62	7	1.02	4	0.55	2
	Grade 8	0.00	0	1.19	5	0.00	0	2.83	12	8.66	35	9.07	34
	Grade 9	~	~	~	~	~	~	36.36	8	55.17	16	51.72	30
	Grade 10	~	~	~	~	~	~	28.57	6	66.67	20	37.25	19
	Grade 11	~	~	~	~	~	~	42.11	8	54.55	18	63.64	21
	Grade 12	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.11	3	59.09	13	22.86	8
058009	Pickering High School												
	Grade 7	1.53	3	0.53	2	0.00	0	1.26	2	2.01	4	2.15	4
	Grade 8	1.46	2	0.34	1	0.00	0	2.01	3	4.79	7	1.91	3
	Grade 9	0.00	0	1.37	4	0.00	0	5.48	8	8.88	15	6.58	10
	Grade 10	2.97	3	0.52	1	0.00	0	5.80	8	10.85	14	7.21	8
	Grade 11	1.01	1	0.53	1	0.00	0	10.71	9	10.83	13	10.47	9
	Grade 12	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.45	1	4.92	3	3.53	3
058010	Pitkin High School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	1.59	1	0.00	0	5.77	3	3.39	2	0.00	0
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	9.62	5	3.64	2	0.00	0
	Grade 9	2.00	1	1.43	1	0.00	0	21.74	15	11.90	5	10.87	5
	Grade 10	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	2.63	1	7.27	4	13.51	5
	Grade 11	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	25.00	9	13.33	4	10.00	4
	Grade 12	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	10.26	4	3.57	1	6.67	2
058012	Rosepine High School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.96	1	1.65	2
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	2.29	3	1.90	2	6.67	6
	Grade 9	6.48	7	0.00	0	0.00	0	7.14	7	4.83	7	7.87	7
	Grade 10	1.09	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	5.38	5	3.45	3	11.61	13
	Grade 11	1.45	1_	0.00	0	0.00	0	9.09	7	4.71	4	6.17	5
	Grade 12	4.69	3	0.00	0	0.00	0	4.84	3	2.74	2	3.08	2
058013	Simpson School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	2.56	1	7.69	2
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	2.78	1	8.82	3	3.57	1	0.00	0
	Grade 9	0.00	0	0.00	0	4.76	1	3.23	1	5.88	2	3.33	1
	Grade 10	7.41	2	0.00	0	3.13	1	21.43	6	3.70	1	3.57	1
	Grade 11	0.00	0	0.00	0	3.57	1	8.33	3	17.39	4	0.00	0
	Grade 12	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	4.76	1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.
<sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

**Table 5: Student Dropouts** 

		1992	<b>2-93</b> <sup>1</sup>	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	4-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>2</sup>	1990	<b>5-97</b>	1997	<b>/-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
	Grade 7	0.61	6	0.53	6	0.00	0	1.28	12	1.87	18	1.29	12
	Grade 8	0.21	2	0.58	6	0.10	1	3.45	33	5.74	51	5.30	45
	Grade 9	1.95	18	1.07	12	0.35	3	8.58	81	9.44	90	9.45	85
	Grade 10	1.99	15	1.24	11	0.26	2	8.69	73	10.49	84	11.56	94
	Grade 11	1.02	7	0.90	7	0.16	1	10.61	76	11.04	81	14.42	95
	Grade 12	0.96	5	0.58	4	0.00	0	7.62	43	7.35	40	5.24	31
	Grades 9 - 12	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.91	273	9.73	295	10.29	305
State													
	Grade 7	~	~	1.47	904	0.78	480	4.46	2,816	4.73	2,904	3.44	2,122
	Grade 8	~	~	1.71	971	0.93	538	6.04	3,568	5.53	3,232	4.46	2,519
	Grade 9	~	~	6.48	4,018	4.63	2,898	12.90	8,966	13.51	9,245	11.67	7,688
	Grade 10	~	~	4.91	2,531	3.79	2,005	11.86	6,554	12.10	6,626	10.53	5,802
	Grade 11	~	~	4.57	1,988	3.55	1,555	10.78	4,991	10.58	4,897	9.08	4,161
	Grade 12	~	~	3.70	1,433	2.65	1,061	10.75	4,397	8.62	3,605	8.71	3,716
	Grades 9 - 12	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.75	24,908	11.53	24,373	10.20	21,367

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.
<sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

Student suspension not only harms students by depriving them of valuable instruction, it also harms communities, the individual school, and school district (Garibaldi, 1978).

Prior to 1995-96, attendance data were reported for regular education students only. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data include special education students as well; hence, comparisons with prior years data are strongly discouraged.

#### **Organization**

Tables 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d, Students Suspended and Expelled, present the number and percent of students suspended and the number and percent of students expelled for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*. Schools are listed by category and in site code order. District percentages are presented for comparison of all schools. Since 1993-94, percentages based on the school category also have been provided for comparison purposes.

It should be pointed out that the "students suspended" number reflects the number of students at the school site who were suspended at least once during the school year. Because some students are suspended more than once over the course of the school year, the total incidence of suspension may be greater than the number reported here.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Card presents the school-level number and percent of students suspended and expelled. Category statistics are provided at the district level for comparison purposes.

#### **Definitions**

- Cumulative Enrollment—the sum of all students enrolled in a school or district for at least one school day during the course of the school year, used as the denominator for calculating school-and district-level suspension and expulsion percents.
- In-school Expulsion—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a period of time specified by the LEA and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- In-school Suspension—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a minimum of one complete school day and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- Out-of-school Expulsion—removal (exit) of a student from school for a determined number of days with no provision of instructional services.
- Out-of-school Suspension—student is temporarily prohibited from participating in his/her usual placement within school with no provision of instructional service; only suspensions resulting in removal for at least one full day are included.

Schools which report comparatively high suspension rates tend to serve more low-income students than those which report low suspension rates. Suspension rates tend to be higher among large schools. Middle schools and secondary schools report higher suspension rates than schools with other grade configurations. Finally, class enrollments are larger in high-suspension schools (Kennedy, 1993). This research is further supported by Franklin and Glascock (1994) who found that suspension rates are significantly higher in middle schools than elementary or combination (K-12) schools.

#### **Method of Calculation**

Suspensions and expulsions are calculated for students enrolled in grades K-12. The formulas listed at the bottom of this page were used to calculate the desired school- and district-level percentages for each school category, as well as district-level percentages for all schools.

#### **Data Sources**

The suspension and expulsion indicators are based on district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Student Information System (SIS).

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### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Students Suspended, Expelled

#### **School-level Aggregation**

$$Percent of Students Suspended = \frac{Number of Students Suspended}{Cumulative Enrollment} \times 100$$

$$Percent of Students Expelled = \frac{Number of Students Expelled}{Cumulative Enrollment} \times 100$$

### **District-level Aggregation**

Note: Due to school categorization, the numerator and denominator will vary. For example, Percent of Elementary Students Suspended = (Number of Elementary Students Suspended / Cumulative Elementary Student Enrollment) X 100.

# **Table 6a: Students Suspended and Expelled**

Elementary Schools

		1992	2-93	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96 <sup>2</sup>		1996-97		1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number
058002	East Leesville Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.39	11	1.68	10	0.75	5	0.84	6	1.56	10	~	~
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	~	~
058008	Pickering Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.13	141	10.84	134
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.05	24	0.72	13	2.09	26	2.92	41	1.58	20	2.43	30
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058011	South Polk Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.62	5	0.00	0	2.42	19	1.09	8	1.29	10
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058014	Vernon Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	28.21	220	23.56	192
	Suspended (Out of School)	7.78	67	10.05	96	8.60	75	8.95	79	13.46	105	8.83	72
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.11	1	0.11	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
058015	West Leesville Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	12.70	80	9.11	51
	Suspended (Out of School)	0.39	4	0.70	6	1.75	13	2.91	24	6.51	41	0.36	2
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058016	Rosepine Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	0.55	4	0.29	2	0.00	0	0.15	1	0.00	0	0.91	6
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because of reporting differences among districts, no state suspension or expulsion averages are shown prior to 1996-97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96 both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# **Table 6a: Students Suspended and Expelled**

Elementary Schools

	1992-93 1993-94 19		1994-95		1995-96 <sup>2</sup>		<sup>2</sup> 1996-97		1997	7-98		
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058018 Anacoco Elementary School												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Suspended (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.33	2	1.54	9	1.82	11	0.33	2	0.69	4
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058019 North Polk Elementary School												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
Suspended (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.25	2	0.22	2	0.00	0	~	~
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	~	~
District (Elementary Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.48	440	6.55	375
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	2.07	134	2.15	130	2.76	182	3.16	186	2.15	123
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.00	0	0.02	1	0.02	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
District (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.73	1,263	9.69	1,113
Suspended (Out of School)	5.11	688	5.23	696	6.13	736	7.09	901	8.55	1,007	6.86	788
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.17	23	0.17	22	0.05	6	0.06	7	0.00	0	0.08	9
State <sup>1</sup> (Elementary Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.17	8,584	3.07	11,949
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.26	16,806	4.83	18,811
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.01	34	0.01	37
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.08	311	0.11	425
State <sup>1</sup> (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		44,040		61,311
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		78,866		83,256
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.07	542	0.13	1,014
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.44	3,454	0.49	3,901

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# **Table 6b: Students Suspended and Expelled**

Middle/Jr. High Schools

	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96 <sup>2</sup>		1996-97		1997	7-98
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058007 Leesville Junior High School												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Suspended (Out of School)	8.02	74	11.05	96	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Expelled (Out of School)	0.22	2	0.58	5	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
District (Middle/Jr. High Schools)												
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	11.37	96	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.59	5	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
District (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.73	1,263	9.69	1,113
Suspended (Out of School)	5.11	688	5.23	696	6.13	736	7.09	901	8.55	1,007	6.86	788
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.17	23	0.17	22	0.05	6	0.06	7	0.00	0	0.08	9
State <sup>1</sup> (Middle/ <u>Jr. High Schools)</u>												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.03	14,670	14.53	21,148
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.40	23,990	18.26	26,576
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.16	234	0.31	448
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.87	1,269	1.12	1,629
State <sup>1</sup> (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.55	44,040	7.76	61,311
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.94	78,866	10.54	83,256
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.07	542	0.13	1,014
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.44	3,454	0.49	3,901

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because of reporting differences among districts, no state suspension or expulsion averages are shown prior to 1996-97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96 both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# **Table 6c: Students Suspended and Expelled**

# High Schools

		199	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	<b>-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	umber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058001	Anacoco High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	2.23	10
	Suspended (Out of School)	9.52	48	8.42	39	2.59	12	3.72	17	3.77	18	5.58	25
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.20	1	0.43	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.22	1
058006	Leesville High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.93	143	9.04	104
	Suspended (Out of School)	14.32	176	13.18	174	24.29	273	28.11	368	27.27	327	22.61	260
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.73	9	0.38	5	0.09	1	0.23	3	0.00	0	0.17	2
058007	Leesville Junior High School												
	Suspended (In School)		Jr. High				~	~	~	21.37	184	26.13	237
	Suspended (Out of School)		Jr. High				113	16.06	151	20.09	173	15.99	145
	Expelled (In School)		Jr. High				~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	Jr. High	0.10	1	0.11	1	0.00	0	0.44	4
058009	Pickering High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	40.49	330	24.09	185
	Suspended (Out of School)	9.20	69	3.19	48	5.23	51	12.10	88	18.90	154	11.07	85
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.67	5	0.20	3	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.13	1
058012	Rosepine High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	29.36	175	34.47	192
	Suspended (Out of School)	11.07	61	9.44	59	6.92	40	4.04	22	16.95	101	18.49	103
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.36	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.18	1

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<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# **Table 6c: Students Suspended and Expelled**

# High Schools

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	<b>7-98</b>
					Percent 1							
District (High Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	21.22	823	19.37	719
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	8.47	320	12.46	489	16.53	643	19.64	762	16.33	606
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.26	10	0.05	2	0.10	4	0.00	0	0.24	9
District (All Schools)			,									
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.73	1,263	9.69	1,113
Suspended (Out of School)	5.11	688	5.23	696	6.13	736	7.09	901	8.55	1,007	6.86	788
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.17	23	0.17	22	0.05	6	0.06	7	0.00	0	0.08	9
State <sup>1</sup> (High Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.67	19,412	11.97	26,592
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.72	35,175	15.80	35,108
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.11	254	0.23	512
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.80	1,797	0.80	1,775
State <sup>1</sup> (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.55	44,040	7.76	61,311
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	?	٧	?	~	?	٧	9.94	78,866	10.54	83,256
Expelled (In School)	~	~	?	٧	?	~	?	٧	0.07	542	0.13	1,014
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.44	3,454	0.49	3,901

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because of reporting differences among districts, no state suspension or expulsion averages are shown prior to 1996-97.

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# Table 6d: Students Suspended and Expelled

# Combination Schools

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058003	Evans School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.48	2
	Suspended (Out of School)	11.72	56	12.92	58	9.01	39	6.03	26	0.23	1	1.91	8
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.21	1	1.11	5	0.23	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058004	Hicks School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	5.64	19
	Suspended (Out of School)	3.33	15	4.44	19	2.86	11	0.51	2	1.76	6	9.50	32
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.23	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
058005	Hornbeck School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Suspended (Out of School)	11.33	51	8.10	35	9.51	41	5.54	28	6.61	29	~	~
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.22	1	0.00	0	0.46	2	0.20	1	0.00	0	~	~
058010	Pitkin High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	3.03	21	4.38	28	2.59	13	1.82	12	2.40	15	0.17	1
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.29	2	0.16	1	0.00	0	0.15	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
058013	Simpson School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0		0
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.91	7	1.61	6	3.41	13	1.94	8	2.27	8	5.29	19
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because of reporting differences among districts, no state suspension or expulsion averages are shown prior to 1996-97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96 both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

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# Table 6d: Students Suspended and Expelled

### Combination Schools

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	7-98
					Percent N						1	
District (Combination Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.97	21
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	6.65	146	5.76	117	3.21	76	2.72	59	2.77	60
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.32	7	0.15	3	0.08	2	0.00	0	0.00	0
District (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.73	1,263	9.69	1,113
Suspended (Out of School)	5.11	688	5.23	696	6.13	736	7.09	901	8.55	1,007	6.86	788
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.17	23	0.17	22	0.05	6	0.06	7	0.00	0	0.08	9
State <sup>1</sup> (Combination Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3.50	1,464	4.40	1,756
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.88	3,296	8.09	3,226
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.05	20	0.05	18
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.21	87	0.21	85
State <sup>1</sup> (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.55	44,040	7.76	61,311
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	٧	9.94	78,866	10.54	83,256
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	٧	0.07	542	0.13	1,014
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.44	3,454	0.49	3,901

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# Part 4. Student Achievement

Reading Level Evaluation Results	4-1
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The ability to read is essential to survive in our society. Many children learn to read quickly and efficiently once exposed to formal instruction. However, this is not an easy task for some children due to a variety of reasons. These children require high quality preschool and kindergarten programs and excellent primary instruction that emphasize language and literacy skills. Act 450 of the 1997 Legislative Session required each second and third grade teacher to report the number of students reading below grade level within the first thirty days of school.

### **Organization**

Tables 7a and 7b present Reading Level Evaluation Results for grades 2 and 3 respectively. These results present the number and percent of students reading below, on, and above their grade levels. This information is provided for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*, with schools listed in site code order. District and state results are presented for comparison purposes. Please use caution when comparing, as each district was permitted to select its own assessment instrument(s).

#### **Definition**

The following students were evaluated and included in the assessment results:

- All regular education students enrolled as of October 1, 1997;
- All special education students whose IEP designate that they are in a specially designed, regular instructional program;
- All Limited English Proficient (LEP) students who were enrolled in and completed at least two full consecutive academic years in an English-speaking school (including kindergarten);
- Students in alternative programs or placements who are addressing regular curriculum standards; and
- All disabled students according to Section 504.

#### **Assessment Instruments**

Each teacher used one of the following types of assessment instruments:

- Basal reading test
- Informal reading inventory
- Computerized reading inventory
- Other standardized tests, such as norm-referenced tests, criterionreferenced tests, etc.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Cards present school-level count and percent of students reading below, on, and above their grade levels for grades 2 and 3.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The formula used to compute the percents of students reading below, on, and above their grade levels is presented on the following page.

#### **Data Sources**

The Reading Level data is based on district-reported data submitted to the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of School Standards, Accountability and Assistance.

### Formula Used to Calculate Percent of Students Reading Below, On, and Above Their Grade Levels

# **Table 7a: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 2**

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	1-95	1995	5-96	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number										
058002 East Leesville Elementary School					·						Ü	
Students Assessed		~		٧		~		٧		٧		100
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.00	16
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	66.00	66
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.00	18
058003 Eyans School					_		·				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		23
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	34.78	8
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	65.22	15
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
058004 Hicks School					F		r				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		22
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.64	3
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	77.27	17
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.09	2
058005 Hornbeck School					Г		ſ				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		41
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	12.20	5
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	85.37	35
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.44	1
058008 Pickering Elementary School					Г		ſ				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		147
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.56	17
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	70.75	104
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	17.69	26
058010 Pitkin High School					Г		ſ				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		42
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	23.81	10
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	50.00	21
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	26.19	11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective in 1997-98, the Louisiana Legislature required each second and third grade teacher to report the number of students reading below grade level. ~ = Unavailable data

# **Table 7a: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 2**

	199	2-93	199	3-94	199	4-95	199	5-96	1990	5-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number										
058011 South Polk Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		218
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.30	29
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	75.23	164
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.47	25
058013 Simpson School											]	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		32
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.75	6
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	71.88	23
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.38	3
058015 West Leesville Elementary School											]	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		82
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	42.68	35
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	57.32	47
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
058016 Rosepine Elementary School									,		] ,	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		90
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	17.78	16
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	68.89	62
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.33	12
058018 Anacoco Elementary School									,			
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		74
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.22	12
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	83.78	62
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective in 1997-98, the Louisiana Legislature required each second and third grade teacher to report the number of students reading below grade level. ~ = Unavailable data

# **Table 7a: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 2**

		1992-93		1993	3-94	1994	4-95	199	5-96	199	6-97	199′	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
		Percent	Number										
District													
	Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		871
	Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.03	157
	Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	70.72	616
	Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.25	98
State (Pul	blic)												
	Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		58,692
	Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	43.48	25,518
	Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	37.09	21,767
	Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	19.44	11,407

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# **Table 7b: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 3**

	199	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>1-95</b>	1995	5-96	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058002 East Leesville Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		?		~		٧		?		98
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.29	14
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	78.57	77
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.14	7
058003 Eyans School							_				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		28
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	21.43	6
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	78.57	22
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
058004 Hicks School							_				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		18
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	72.22	13
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	27.78	5
058005 Hornbeck School											_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		29
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	6.90	2
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	86.21	25
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	6.90	2
058008 Pickering Elementary School					·		r				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		134
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.43	18
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	81.34	109
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.22	7
058010 Pitkin High School					ŗ		r				_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		37
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	29.73	11
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	48.65	18
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	21.62	8

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# **Table 7b: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 3**

	199	2-93	1993	3-94	199	4-95	199	5-96	1990	5-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number										
058011 South Polk Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		196
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.16	16
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	71.94	141
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	19.90	39
058013 Simpson School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		30
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.00	6
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	60.00	18
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.00	6
058015 West Leesville Elementary School											,	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		78
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	23.08	18
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	76.92	60
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
058016 Rosepine Elementary School									,			
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		107
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.21	12
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	74.77	80
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.02	15
058018 Anacoco Elementary School									ı		,	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		65
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.23	6
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	90.77	59
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0

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# **Table 7b: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 3**

		1992-93		1993	3-94	1994	4-95	199	5-96	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
		Percent	Number										
District													
	Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		820
	Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	13.29	109
	Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	75.85	622
	Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.85	89
State (Pub	olic)											_	
	Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		56,800
	Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	38.00	21,585
	Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	42.23	23,989
	Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	19.76	11,226

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective in 1997-98, the Louisiana Legislature required each second and third grade teacher to report the number of students reading below grade level. ~ = Unavailable data

Educational tests such as criterion-referenced tests (CRTs) are, in one form or another, tests of academic achievement based on a pre-stated set of standards.

The CRTs administered in this state are part of the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) and are administered in April of each year to public school students at specified grade levels. For the secondary level, the CRT is the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE).

These tests are administered to all students with the exception of special education students whose educational program is Alternative to Regular Placement (ARP). The Progress Profiles Program reports scores for all students taking the tests. This reflects the same reporting format used by the LEAP.

In Louisiana, CRTs provide a measure of the extent to which students meet state-established, grade-level skill requirements in the following subject areas:

- Grades 3 and 5—Language Arts and Mathematics,
- Grade 7—Language Arts and Mathematics, and
- Secondary Level (GEE)—English Language Arts, Mathematics, Written Composition, Science, and Social Studies.

### **Organization**

Tables 8a - 8c provide CRT Results for Grades 3, 5, and 7, respectively, while Table 8d provides GEE test results for first-time GEE test takers. The tables present CRT results for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*, with schools shown in school site code order. Also, comparison data are presented for the district and the state.

The tables reflect both the number of students taking the test and the percent of students who meet or exceed standards for the respective grade levels. Thus, the percent of students passing a specific test is the percent scoring at or above the performance standard that the state has set in that subject area.

### Data Presentation: School Report Cards

The 1997-98 School Report Cards present school, district, and state percent passing rates by grade level and subject area.

#### **Definition**

Criterion-referenced tests (CRTs)—tests that produce a score that tells how individuals/schools perform in achieving an established criteria; LEAP CRT results (as reported by *Progress Profiles*) show the number and percent of Louisiana students who meet or exceed state curriculum content standards.

### **Data Source**

The CRT indicator is based on student-level data tapes provided to the LDE by National Computer Systems, test contractor for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP).

# Table 8a: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 3

Percent of Students Passing and Number of Students Tested

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	<b>-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	1996	-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058002	East Leesville Elementary School									·			
	Language Arts	99	98	97	91	99	90	99	107	100	89	99	102
	Mathematics	100	98	98	91	100	90	97	115	100	89	99	102
058003	Evans School												
	Language Arts	100	30	100	24	100	21	97	32	100	35	96	23
	Mathematics	97	30	100	24	100	21	97	34	100	35	100	23
058004	Hicks School												
	Language Arts	100	30	100	20	100	24	93	14	100	15	100	20
	Mathematics	100	30	100	20	100	24	100	14	100	15	100	20
058005	Hornbeck School												
	Language Arts	100	29	97	34	97	33	92	25	97	30	96	27
	Mathematics	97	29	100	36	97	34	92	25	100	30	100	27
058008	Pickering Elementary School												
	Language Arts	95	133	96	118	98	124	99	142	100	130	95	139
	Mathematics	98	131	93	117	98	122	98	140	98	130	93	138
058010	Pitkin High School												
	Language Arts	97	39	100	38	98	40	100	39	100	27	97	33
	Mathematics	100	40	100	38	95	40	98	40	100	27	100	33
058011	South Polk Elementary School												
	Language Arts	99	172	98	169	99	200	100	205	99	189	99	191
	Mathematics	98	172	96	168	99	200	100	202	100	186	99	200
058013	Simpson School												
	Language Arts	97	31	100	17	100	24	94	16	100	29	97	32
	Mathematics	100	31	100	17	100	24	94	16	97	29	97	32
058015	West Leesville Elementary School												
	Language Arts	99	79	98	98	95	97	92	110	99	103	95	78
	Mathematics	97	78	94	95	97	97	95	110	97	108	92	78
058016	Rosepine Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	75	99	78	100	75	100	86	94	68	98	94
	Mathematics	97	76	99	77	99	75	100	89	99	71	96	93
058018	Anacoco Elementary School	<u> </u>											
	Language Arts	100	59	100	65	100	67	97	65	98	64	100	63
	Mathematics	100	59	100	65	100	67	98	65	98	62	100	65

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 8a: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 3

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>4-95</b>	199	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	199	6-97	199'	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
	Language Arts	98	775	98	752	98	795	98	844	99	781	98	802
	Mathematics	98	774	97	748	98	794	98	858	99	784	97	811
State													
	Language Arts	91	56,847	91	57,518	90	55,985	90	58,218	91	56,926	90	56,711
	Mathematics	90	56,593	91	57,278	90	55,728	89	58,034	91	56,792	88	56,534

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable. ~ = Unavailable Data

# **Table 8b: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 5**

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	199	4-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	199	6-97	199'	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058003	Evans School												
	Language Arts	100	30	95	21	100	24	100	35	94	17	100	32
	Mathematics	100	30	100	21	100	24	94	34	100	17	100	32
058004	Hicks School												
	Language Arts	95	22	93	28	100	27	96	25	91	23	94	18
	Mathematics	100	20	89	28	100	27	96	25	91	23	94	18
058005	Hornbeck School												
	Language Arts	95	20	100	25	100	27	100	51	92	26	100	32
	Mathematics	95	20	100	25	96	27	100	51	100	26	100	32
058008	Pickering Elementary School												
	Language Arts	98	141	95	116	97	138	95	128	100	129	100	105
	Mathematics	99	141	97	116	99	138	97	128	99	129	99	104
058010	Pitkin High School						I						
	Language Arts	100	39	100	42	100	40	100	38	100	41	98	50
	Mathematics	97	39	100	42	100	40	100	38	100	41	98	50
058013	Simpson School						I						
	Language Arts	100	28	100	22	96	26	100	23	100	20	100	18
	Mathematics	100	28	100	22	100	26	100	23	100	20	100	18
058014	Vernon Elementary School						I						
	Language Arts	95	343	96	369	97	332	97	317	98	319	94	304
	Mathematics	96	342	96	369	98	331	97	317	96	320	95	302
058016	Rosepine Elementary School												
	Language Arts	98	80	100	69	100	73	99	81	100	70	95	77
	Mathematics	100	79	100	69	100	73	99	83	99	71	99	77
058018	Anacoco Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	69	98	64	100	70	95	78	99	77	94	71
	Mathematics	100	68	100	63	100	69	97	78	100	76	92	71
District													
	Language Arts	97	772	97	756	98	757	97	784	98	728	96	707
	Mathematics	98	767	97	755	99	755	97	783	97	729	96	704
State													
	Language Arts	90	55,817	90		90		87	59,292	87	57,617	85	55,793
	Mathematics	90	55,725	91	54,885	91	53,564	89	59,183	89	57,637	88	55,716

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 8c: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 7

			2-93					1995					7-98
		Percent	Number										
058001	Anacoco High School				I		1						
	Language Arts	99	77	100	61	100	74	100	81	100	74	97	91
	Mathematics	90	78	98	61	100	75	99	77	100	73	98	89
058003	Evans School				I		1						
	Language Arts	100	26	100	29	97	30	90	30	93	28	100	30
	Mathematics	100	26	97	29	97	30	100	30	100	28	97	30
058004	Hicks School				T		1						
	Language Arts	96	28	89	19	100	23	96	25	78	27	73	22
	Mathematics	96	28	84	19	100	24	96	25	74	27	75	24
058005	Hornbeck School		1		I		1						
	Language Arts	100	21	100	37	96	26	100	26	100	22	97	39
	Mathematics	100	21	100	37	92	26	92	26	100	22	95	40
058007	Leesville Junior High School												
	Language Arts	97	341	98	326	96	312	95	323	94	303	93	309
	Mathematics	96	340	96	325	96	313	92	323	92	301	94	308
058009	Pickering High School		_										
	Language Arts	97	129	98	138	95	147	93	128	91	135	96	138
	Mathematics	90	126	91	138	92	146	90	128	91	136	94	138
058010	Pitkin High School												
	Language Arts	98	45	93	46	100	40	98	43	98	42	100	39
	Mathematics	100	45	100	44	100	40	100	43	98	42	97	39
058012	Rosepine High School												
	Language Arts	97	90	98	83	97	106	98	82	98	88	93	102
	Mathematics	90	90	89	83	96	105	98	81	98	89	96	102
058013	Simpson School												
	Language Arts	86	21	100	26	100	28	93	28	94	33	87	23
	Mathematics	90	21	96	26	100	28	89	28	97	33	96	23
District													
	Language Arts	97	778	98	765	97	786	95	766	94	752	94	793
	Mathematics	94	775	95	762	96	787	94	761	94	751	95	793
State													
	Language Arts	88	55,206	89	54,345	88	53,799	87	57,198	86	56,041	85	57,215
	Mathematics	83	55,018	83			53,599	79		80	55,823	79	57,055

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### **Table 8d: Graduate Exit Examination (GEE) Results**

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058001	Anacoco High School												
	Language Arts	100	68	100	51	99	68	92	53	98	54	98	40
	Mathematics	90	68	82	51	96	68	94	54	98	53	87	39
	Written Composition	99	68	100	51	100	65	98	47	100	52	100	38
	Science	91	46	95	62	95	39	97	61	98	46	93	41
	Social Studies	98	47	100	62	98	40	97	60	98	45	97	39
058003	Evans School												
	Language Arts	96	23	100	15	100	21	100	28	100	24	97	29
	Mathematics	87	23	69	16	90	21	89	27	83	24	100	29
	Written Composition	95	22	100	15	95	20	96	25	96	23	97	30
	Science	80	35	90	20	93	15	100	19	88	24	88	24
	Social Studies	94	36	85	20	87	15	95	19	100	24	92	24
058004	Hicks School												
	Language Arts	100	24	90	30	100	21	92	26	91	22	92	25
	Mathematics	92	24	63	30	100	21	85	26	91	22	80	25
	Written Composition	96	24	90	30	100	20	100	25	100	20	100	24
	Science	82	22	95	19	89	19	81	21	85	26	89	19
	Social Studies	82	22	84	19	100	20	100	21	100	26	95	19
058005	Hornbeck School												
	Language Arts	93	28	100	28	97	30	95	21	91	33	100	32
	Mathematics	89	28	93	28	93	30	90	21	91	33	91	32
	Written Composition	85	27	50	28	100	31	100	21	97	32	100	31
	Science	94	33	100	19	96	25	68	31	84	19	97	33
	Social Studies	91	33	95	19	92	25	84	31	95	19	97	33
058006	Leesville High School												
	Language Arts	97	231	92	261	94	250	92	260	86	219	87	236
	Mathematics	88	234	80	262	83	256	83	264	72	224	78	235
	Written Composition	98	230	96	262	96	249	96	257	97	213	97	234
	Science	88	195	93	205	89	226	84	198	86	205	94	165
	Social Studies	92	199	94	203	96	231	92	202	92	205	95	165

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### **Table 8d: Graduate Exit Examination (GEE) Results**

		1992	2-93	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	<b>7-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	umber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058007	Leesville Junior High School												
	Language Arts	~	~	~	~	~	~	86	7	85	13	93	14
	Mathematics	~	~	~	~	~	~	29	7	38	13	57	14
	Written Composition	~	~	~	~	~	~	100	7	100	13	93	14
	Science	~	~	~	~	~	~	60	5	67	6	75	8
	Social Studies	~	~	~	~	~	~	20	5	83	6	78	9
058009	Pickering High School												
	Language Arts	91	68	97	61	96	67	94	105	92	74	89	80
	Mathematics	92	65	95	61	96	67	96	103	94	72	90	80
	Written Composition	95	65	100	61	96	67	99	103	94	71	98	80
	Science	86	77	90	61	96	46	82	60	89	70	95	57
	Social Studies	95	75	90	61	96	46	88	60	96	70	95	57
058010	Pitkin High School												
	Language Arts	96	28	100	33	91	34	91	32	98	41	100	25
	Mathematics	100	28	100	32	94	34	91	33	100	37	100	25
	Written Composition	100	26	100	32	100	33	97	31	100	41	100	24
	Science	100	28	95	21	100	26	96	24	100	25	97	34
	Social Studies	100	28	100	21	100	27	100	24	100	26	97	36
058012	Rosepine High School												
	Language Arts	94	79	97	59	94	70	92	74	93	71	95	86
	Mathematics	91	79	83	58	89	70	78	74	88	72	93	84
	Written Composition	96	76	93	57	100	67	99	73	92	65	99	84
	Science	85	55	90	67	84	56	69	68	88	66	96	69
	Social Studies	94	54	90	68	89	56	82	67	92	66	94	69
058013	Simpson School												
	Language Arts	100	25	96	25	100	28	100	19	100	22	96	24
	Mathematics	96	25	88	25	93	28	89	19	95	22	92	24
	Written Composition	96	24	92	25	100	27	100	19	91	22	100	25
	Science	80	25	100	21	90	20	92	26	84	19	84	25
	Social Studies	88	25	90	21	100	20	96	25	95	19	96	25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

## **Table 8d: Graduate Exit Examination (GEE) Results**

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>4-95</b>	199	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
	Language Arts	96	574	95	563	95	589	93	625	91	573	92	591
	Mathematics	90	574	83	563	89	595	86	628	83	572	85	587
	Written Composition	97	562	94	561	98	579	98	608	96	552	98	584
	Science	87	516	93	495	91	472	83	513	88	506	93	475
	Social Studies	93	519	93	494	95	480	91	514	94	506	95	476
State													
	Language Arts	91	41,775	89	41,673	88	43,743	86	45,492	84	45,342	87	46,128
	Mathematics	83	41,697	79	41,603	80	43,654	77	45,381	77	45,307	76	46,004
	Written Composition	91	40,947	90	40,806	95	42,663	93	44,283	93	43,983	95	44,944
	Science	86	35,820	90	37,264	85	36,977	82	39,927	82	40,423	84	40,021
	Social Studies	90	35,778	90	37,230	90	36,998	90	39,989	88	40,407	88	39,891

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable. ~ = Unavailable Data

The Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) utilizes norm-referenced tests (NRTs) for national student comparisons with Louisiana students. From 1988 to 1992, Louisiana's NRT was the *California Achievement Test (CAT)* Form F, and from 1993 to 1997, Louisiana's NRT was the CAT/5. In 1997, the Iowa Tests were adopted for first administration in the spring of 1998. At grades 4, 6, and 8, the *Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)* were administered and at grades 9, 10, and 11, the *Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED)* were administered.

ITBS consists of thirteen tests in the subject areas of reading, language, mathematics, social studies, science, and sources of information. The Mathematics Computation test was administered only at grade 4; Mathematics Computation is not used to calculate the Math Total, Core Total, nor the Composite score. The *Iowa Tests of Basic Skills* Composite score is the average of the scores for Reading Total, Language Total, Mathematics Total, Social Studies, Science, and Sources of Information Total. The NRT data tables for grades 4, 6, and 8 in the *School Report Cards* and *District Composite Reports* are based on the Composite percentile rank of the average standard score.

ITED consists of seven tests: Vocabulary, Correctness and Appropriateness of Expression, Ability to Do Quantitative Thinking, Ability to Interpret Literacy Materials, Analysis of Social Studies Materials, Analysis of Science Materials, and Use of Sources of Information. The *Iowa Tests of Educational Development* Composite score is the average of the scores for the seven tests. The NRT data tables for grades 9, 10, and 11 in the *School Report Cards* and *District Composite Reports* are based on the Composite percentile rank of the average standard score.

These test are administered to all students with the exception of special education students whose educational program is Alternative to Regular Placement (ARP). Scores are reported for all students not requiring accommodations to the standardization administration procedures.

#### **Organization**

Tables 9a to 9f present 1997-98 NRT results for grades 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11, respectively. Test results are presented for all schools in the district receiving a *School Report Card*, with schools listed in site code order. District, state, and national results are presented for comparison purposes.

Data are grouped as follows:

- Quartile 4--the percent of students who scored in the top 25% of students in the national norm group. If 32 of 100 students scored this high, Quartile 4 would read 32 percent.
- *Quartile 3*--the percent of students who scored between the 50th and the 74th national percentiles.
- *Quartile 2--* the percent of students who scored between the 25th and 49th national percentiles.
- *Quartile 1*--the percent of students who scored between the 1st and 24th national percentiles.
- Percentile Rank of the Average Standard Score for the National Student Norms-- percentile rank of the average student in the school, district, or state. For example, a percentile rank of 48 for a school means that 48 percent of the students in the norm group scored at or below the average score obtained by the students in the school.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Cards present percentile rank of the average standard score for the national student norms at the school, district, and state levels.

#### **Definition**

*Norm-referenced tests (NRTs)--* These tests produce scores that tell how schools/individuals perform in comparison with other schools/individuals; LEAP NRT results (as reported by the *Progress Profiles*) show how Louisiana schools perform when compared with the district, state, and nation.

#### **Data Source**

The NRT indicator is based on student-level data provided to the Louisiana Department of Education by Riverside Publishing, test contractor for The Iowa Tests.

### Table 9a: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 4

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
058002	East Leesville Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	2	2	2	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	59.0
058003	Evans School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	46.2
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	7.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	57.0
058004	Hicks School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	5.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	55.0
058005	Hornbeck School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	51.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	59.0
058008	Pickering Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	58.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9a: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 4

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
058010	Pitkin High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	47.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	54.0
058011	South Polk Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	64.0
058013	Simpson School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	39.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	51.0
058015	West Leesville Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
058016	Rosepine Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	45.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	5.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9a: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 4

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
058018	Anacoco Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	5.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	69.0
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	58.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	42.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9b: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 6

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
058003	Evans School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	2	2	~	20.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	53.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	52.0
058004	Hicks School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	60.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	63.0
058005	Hornbeck School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
058008	Pickering Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	5.2
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	60.0
058010	Pitkin High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	44.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	5.9
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	63.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9b: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 6

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
058013	Simpson School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	64.0
058014	Vernon Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.9
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	57.0
058016	Rosepine Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.2
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	57.0
058018	Anacoco Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.9
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	59.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9b: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 6

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	58.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9c: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 8

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
058001	Anacoco High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	2	2	2	23.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	57.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.9
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	1.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	63.0
058003	Evans School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	46.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
058004	Hicks School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	43.0
058005	Hornbeck School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	57.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	74.0
058007	Leesville Junior High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.9
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	57.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9c: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 8

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
058009	Pickering High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	41.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.2
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	51.0
058010	Pitkin High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	43.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	3.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
058012	Rosepine High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	45.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
058013	Simpson School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	48.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	54.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9c: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 8

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9d: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 9

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
058001	Anacoco High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	2	2	2	42.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	71.0
058003	Evans School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	42.9
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
058004	Hicks School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	45.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
058005	Hornbeck School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	42.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	38.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	69.0
058006	Leesville High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	55.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9d: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 9

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
058007	Leesville Junior High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	42.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	57.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
058009	Pickering High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
058010	Pitkin High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	39.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	39.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
058012	Rosepine High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	45.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	3.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	66.0
058013	Simpson School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	61.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9d: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 9

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.2
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	57.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.9
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	43.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9e: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 10

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
058001	Anacoco High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	2	2	2	33.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	3.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	67.0
058003	Evans School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	44.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	35.0
058004	Hicks School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	29.0
058005	Hornbeck School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	60.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	60.0
058006	Leesville High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	51.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9e: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 10

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
058007	Leesville Junior High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	2	2	2	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	27.0
058009	Pickering High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	49.0
058010	Pitkin High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	39.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	55.0
058012	Rosepine High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	54.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	4.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	55.0
058013	Simpson School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	52.2
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	48.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9e: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 10

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9f: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 11

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
058001	Anacoco High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	2.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	67.0
058003	Evans School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	54.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
058004	Hicks School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	56.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
058005	Hornbeck School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	52.0
058006	Leesville High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9f: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 11

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
058007	Leesville Junior High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	24.0
058009	Pickering High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	42.0
058010	Pitkin High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	46.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
058012	Rosepine High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	45.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	49.0
058013	Simpson School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	39.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### Table 9f: Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 11

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	49.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	45.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Part 5. College Readiness

American College Test (ACT) Results	5-1
First-Time Freshmen Performance	5-3

Scores on the American College Test (ACT) are widely used as an indicator of student preparedness for college. Most Louisiana public colleges and universities require that entering students take the ACT for admissions or placement purposes.

#### **Organization**

Table 10, American College Test (ACT) Results, presents average composite scores for graduating seniors for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*. Schools are shown in school site code order. Comparison data are presented for the district (public schools only), the state (public and nonpublic schools combined), and the nation (public and nonpublic schools combined).

The ACT results shown include test scores for 1) twelfth graders who took the test in the current year and 2) twelfth graders who took the test as eleventh graders and elected not to retake it as seniors. If a student took the test in both the eleventh and twelfth grades, only the twelfth grade score has been included.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

A college readiness indicator that includes ACT information is presented on the 1997-98 School Report Cards of those schools that have a twelfth grade. The School Report Cards present 1997-98 average ACT composite scores at the school, district, state, and national levels.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The ACT composite score is an average score based on the scores for the four ACT assessment tests (English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning). The composite score, which ranges from 1 to 36, is a measure of the student's general educational development across these four subject areas.

#### **Data Source**

The ACT indicator is based on student-level data supplied to the LDE by the testing contractor, American College Testing.

#### References

Franklin, B.J., and Crone, L.J., (1993, April). *Louisiana Progress Profiles*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Atlanta, Ga.

LDE researchers have found the ACT performance of Louisiana students correlates highly with their performance on LEAP (CRT and NRT) tests. Further, those districts with the highest percentage of students taking the ACT have the highest ACT scores. This finding tends to dispute a widelyheld assumption that the higher the percentage of students taking the ACT, the lower the average score (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

# **Table 10: American College Test (ACT) Results**

# Average Composite Scores

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
058001 Anacoco High School	19.9	19.1	19.3	20.6	20.0	20.7
058003 Evans School	17.5	18.2	17.6	20.4	18.3	18.5
058004 Hicks School	19.5	17.3	18.9	18.0	17.8	17.7
058005 Hornbeck School	18.9	18.4	18.6	18.6	18.6	18.2
058006 Leesville High School	19.2	19.1	19.8	19.8	18.8	19.5
058009 Pickering High School	17.8	18.7	18.5	18.2	19.8	19.3
058010 Pitkin High School	19.8	21.4	19.3	20.1	20.6	18.6
058012 Rosepine High School	19.3	18.4	18.0	18.7	18.1	17.6
058013 Simpson School	17.8	18.4	19.1	18.3	19.8	19.8
District (Public)	19.0	18.8	19.1	19.4	19.1	19.2
State (Public and Nonpublic)	19.5	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.5
Nation (Public and Nonpublic)	20.7	20.8	20.8	20.9	21.0	21.0

The number of freshmen who enroll in remedial courses during their first semester of college is one measure of the extent to which high school graduates are prepared for college.

Since 1987, the Louisiana Board of Regents has collected and reported information on the number of Louisiana high school graduates who enroll in Louisiana colleges and universities the following fall and enroll in remedial/developmental courses. The 1993 Legislature, believing that parents should have access to this information, enacted legislation mandating that this first-time college freshmen data be incorporated into the *Progress Profiles*.

#### **Organization**

Table 11, First-time College Freshmen Performance, presents the number and percent of students who 1) graduated from *Report Card* schools and 2) enrolled as first-time freshmen during the following fall semester at any of the state's two- and four-year public and private universities. The table also reports the number and percent of first-time college freshmen who were enrolled in at least one remedial course during their first regular semester of college study.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The college readiness indicator that includes first-time college freshmen information is presented on the 1997-98 School Report Cards of schools that have a twelfth grade.

Note: The first-time college freshmen data reported on 1997-98 School Report Cards represent information on 1996-97 high school graduates.

#### **Definitions**

 First-time college freshman—a student who graduates from high school during a given school year and is enrolled full time in a Louisiana higher education institution the following fall semester. A student must begin the fall semester with fewer than 12 hours of credit previously attempted (not including advanced placement credits and correspondence study) to be considered a first-time freshman.

#### Formula Used to Calculate First-time College Freshmen Percentages

Percent of High School Graduates Who
Were First-time College Freshmen = Number of First-time College Freshmen

Total Number of High School Graduates X 100

Percent of First-time College Freshmen
Who Enrolled in a Remedial Course = Number of First-time College Freshmen

Who Enrolled in a Remedial Course
Total Number of First-time College
Freshmen

- *Graduate*—a student who successfully completes a BESE-approved education program, passes the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE), and thus earns a state-approved diploma. Students who earn GEDs are not included.
- Remedial course—a course designed by a university to prepare students to succeed academically in college-level courses. Remedial/developmental courses may be offered for college credit (i.e., they are taken into consideration in determining whether students are enrolled part time or full time) but do not carry degree credit.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The two formulas used in calculating the first-time college freshmen indicator are presented on the preceding page. The percent of high school graduates who become first-time college freshmen is calculated for public school graduates who attend in-state public colleges and universities.

#### **Data Sources**

The first-time college freshmen indicator is based on data submitted to the LDE by Louisiana public and private universities to LDE in compliance with La. R.S. 17:3912 (since repealed).

Table 11 First-time College Freshmen Performance

	1992	2-93	199	3-94	1994	<b>1-95</b>	1995	5-96	1990	5-97	199	7-98
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
058001 Anacoco High School					·							
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		53		44		33		65		60		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	39.62	21	27.27	12	45.45	15	41.54	27	31.67	19	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	61.90	13	41.67	5	53.33	8	44.44	12	47.37	9	~	~
058003 Evans School	·				_							
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		31		30		31		24		25		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	25.81	8	16.67	5	29.03	9	8.33	2	8.00	2	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	25.00	2	60.00	3	55.56	5	100.00	2	50.00	1	~	~
058004 Hicks School	ı				_		_		ı			
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		19		14		27		24		23		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	47.37	9	35.71	5	33.33	9	33.33	8	17.39	4	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	77.78	7	40.00	2	66.67	6	50.00	4	75.00	3	~	~
058005 Hornbeck School	ſ				_		F		ſ			
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		25		19		31		19		27		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	28.00	7	36.84		29.03	9	47.37	9	44.44	12	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	71.43	5	57.14	4	44.44	4	55.56	5	50.00	6	~	~
058006 Leesville High School	ſ				_				ſ			
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		219		182		208		200		179		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	28.77	63	28.02		39.42	82	33.50	67	34.08	61	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	44.44	28	52.94	27	41.46	34	43.28	29	36.07	22	~	~
058009 Pickering High School	ſ								ſ			
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		70		64		75		69		53		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	28.57	20	20.31	13	33.33	25	26.09	18	30.19	16	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	75.00	15	53.85	7	56.00	14	55.56	10	43.75	7	~	~
058010 Pitkin High School	[	25		20	Г			2.5	[	22		
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>	40.54	27	4 5 40	28	2602	26	12.21	26	55.05	22		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	40.74	11	46.43		26.92	7	42.31	11	77.27	17	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	63.64	7	38.46	5	42.86	3	18.18	2	41.18	7	~	~
058012 Rosepine High School					ſ	<b></b>	ſ		ĺ			
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>	22.22	66	25.40	51	22.00	59	0.4.70	69	22.67	65		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	33.33	22	25.49		33.90	20	34.78	24	33.85	22	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	59.09	13	38.46	5	50.00	10	66.67	16	50.00	11	~	~

Represents graduates from the previous school year.
 Unavailable data

**Table 11**First-time College Freshmen Performance

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>1-95</b>	1995	5-96	1996	-97	199'	7-98
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number
058013 Simpson School							_					
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		19		21		30		22		24		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	42.11	8	33.33	7	36.67	11	59.09	13	20.83	5	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	75.00	6	57.14	4	63.64	7	30.77	4	20.00	1	~	~
District (Public)							_					
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		529		453		520		518		478		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	31.95	169	27.81	126	35.96	187	34.56	179	33.05	158	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	56.80	96	49.21	62	48.66	91	46.93	84	42.40	67	~	~
State (Public)							_					
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		33,593		33,772		34,937		36,275		36,407		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	38.66	12,986	44.15	14,912	40.30	14,079	40.27	14,608	37.62	13,697	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	53.70	6,973	55.00	8,201	47.77	6,726	48.64	7,106	49.93	6,839	~	~

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Represents graduates from the previous school year.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable data

- aggregate days attendance—the sum of the total number of days that students are *present* at the school site over the course of the school year.
- aggregate days membership—the sum of the total number of days that students are *enrolled* (but not necessarily *present* at the school site) over the course of the school year.
- class—a grouping of children under the primary supervision and instruction of an individual teacher for all or part of the instructional day, as reported for purposes of the *Annual School Report* (ASR) and identifiable by a specific ASR course code.
- combination school category—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-12 range and is not described by any of the other school category definitions. These schools generally contain some grades in the K-6 range and grades in the 9-12 range. Examples would include grade configurations such as K-12, K-3, 9-12, 4-6, and 9-12.
- criterion-referenced test (CRT)—tests that produce a score that tells how individuals/schools perform in achieving an established criterion; LEAP CRT results (as reported by *Progress Profiles*) show the number and percent of Louisiana students who meet or exceed state curriculum content standards.
- cumulative enrollment—the sum of all students enrolled in a school or district for at least one school day during the course of the school year, used as the denominator for calculating school- and district-level suspension and expulsion percents.
- day of attendance—a student is considered in attendance when he or she 1) is physically present at a school site or is participating in an authorized school activity and 2) is under the supervision of authorized personnel. This definition extends to students who are homebound, assigned to and participating in drug rehabilitation programs that contain a state-approved education component, or participating in school-authorized field trips.
  - "Students who meet the above criteria and are present at the school site for 26-50% of the student's instructional day shall be credited with a half day's attendance. Those who meet the above

- criteria and are present for at least 51% of the student's instructional day are credited with a whole day's attendance. Students who are not physically present or who are participating for 25% or less of their instructional day will be considered absent for reporting purposes. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, shall be counted as an absence for reporting to the Department." (Bulletin 741)
- dropout—the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) defines a dropout as "an individual who was enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year, was not enrolled at the beginning of the current school year, has not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program, and does not meet any of the following exclusive conditions: transfer to another public school district, private school, or state- or district-approved education program; temporary absence due to suspension or school-approved illness; or death."
  - "For purposes of applying the dropout definition, the following definitions also apply:
  - 1. A school year is defined as the 12-month period of time beginning October 1 and ending September 30.
  - 2. An individual has graduated from high school or completed a state- or district-approved education program upon receipt of formal recognition from school authorities.
  - 3. A state or district approved program is one that leads to receipt of formal recognition from school authorities. It may include special education programs, home-based instruction, and school-sponsored secondary (but *NOT* adult) programs leading to a GED or some other certification differing from the regular diploma" (NCES, 1993).
- *elementary school category*—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-8 range, excludes grades in the 9-12 range, and does not fit the definition for middle/junior high.
- faculty—school-based instructional personnel. In addition to full-time classroom teachers, these individuals include principals, assistant

- principals, guidance counselors, librarians, and other instructional staff (provided they teach at least one course).
- first-time college freshman—a student who graduates from high school during a given school year and is enrolled full time in a Louisiana higher education institution the following fall semester. A student must begin the fall semester with fewer than 12 hours credit previously attempted (not including advanced placement credits and correspondence study) to be considered a first-time freshman.
- graduate—a student who successfully completes a BESE-approved education program, passes the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE), and thus earns a state-approved diploma. Students who earn GEDs are not included.
- *high school category*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 6-12 range and includes grades in the 10-12 range, or any school that contains only grade 9.
- *in-school expulsion*—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a period of time specified by the LEA and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- *in-school suspension*—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a minimum of one complete school day and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- Percentile rank of average standard scores for national student norms—percentile rank of the average student in the school, district, or state. For example, a percentile rank of 48 for a school means that 48 percent of the students in the norm group scored at or below the average score obtained by the students in the school.
- *middle/junior high category*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 4-9 range, includes grades 7 or 8 and excludes grades in the K-3 and 10-12 ranges.

- norm-referenced test (NRT)—tests that produce a score that tells how individuals/schools perform in comparison with other individuals/schools; LEAP NRT results (as reported by *Progress Profiles*) show how Louisiana schools perform when compared with the district, state, and nation.
- October 1 membership—total number of students enrolled in a school on October 1, which is operationally defined by NCES as the first day of the academic school year.
- *out-of-school expulsion*—removal (exit) of a student from school for a determined number of days with no provision of instructional services.
- out-of-school suspension—student is temporarily prohibited from participation in his/her usual placement within school with no provision of instructional service; only suspensions resulting in removal for at least one full day are included.
- percent of student attendance—the ratio of aggregate days student attendance to aggregate days membership.
- remedial course—a course designed by a university to prepare students to succeed academically in college-level courses. Remedial/developmental courses may be offered for college credit (i.e., they are taken into consideration in determining whether students are part-time or full-time) but do not carry degree credit.